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Fears grow over EDL march plan

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FEARS are mounting that the English Defence League (EDL) will stage a protest in Ely.

According to members of EDL's Cambridge Division, members of the East Anglian branch are planning to march against plans to build a mosque in the city.

It comes after more than 1,000 EDL members gathered in Cambridge on Saturday to demonstrate against plans for a new mosque in Mill Road.

Ross Ground, 32, a member of EDL's Cambridge Division, said: "I cannot confirm there will be a march in Ely but members of the East Anglian branch who came on Saturday said they were looking into it."

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the East Anglian branch has vowed to "visit" Ely in the past if the mosque goes ahead.

Comments posted on the Ely Online forum website state the branch would most likely stage the protest on a Saturday, "causing disruption to traders".

The Mayor of Ely, Cllr John Yates, voiced his concern.

Mr Yates said: "Ely is a cosmopolitan city and there are a number of ethnic groups which live harmoniously side by side with the indigenous population.

"We believe in a democratic society and the threat of the EDL coming to march in our city does worry me. We do not want it to happen."

The protest in Cambridge saw more than 650 officers from six police forces being drafted in to keep the peace.

Seven arrests were made on the day for various public order offences, including a 27-year-old man from Ely, who was released without charge.

However, Robin Sissons, Ely's sector inspector, does not believe the protest will happen in the city and is urging residents not to worry.

He said: "I just don't think they'll come to Ely. The city isn't big enough for them to attract the amount of support they usually like to, but if they do want to come then there is nothing we can do about it.

Out on the streets: more than 1,000 EDL members gathered to protest in Cambridge on Saturday.

"We will just have to do exactly what we did in Cambridge at the weekend, and that is work hard to keep the peace."

He added: "There is nothing for people to worry about. We proved in Cambridge that these people can protest while other people go about their usual business."

Residents and community leaders have been in uproar since February after the *Weekly News* revealed that the Ely Muslim group wanted to build a "miniature mosque".

The group had been in touch with the management committee of the Paradise Centre and had been told that the committee would lease them a corner of their fields in Deacons Lane if they gained planning permission.

At the time, Zahid Ahmed, treasurer of the Muslim group, said the project was only in its early stages but they hoped to apply for planning permission.

However, the revelation sparked fury among locals, with readers bombarding the *Weekly News* with letters opposing the plans, claiming a mosque would ruin the city and the importance of Ely Cathedral.

The Ely Muslims have not pursued the plans since.

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Van crash couple still in hospital

AN elderly couple whose camper van was involved in a collision with a train at a level crossing are still in hospital – but are in a "stable" condition.

The married couple, who are in their 70s and believed to be from the King's Lynn area, were driving home after a holiday when the accident happened on the A10 at Littleport at 4.30pm on Tuesday, July 5.

Police say the camper van was overtaking stationary traffic when the collision occurred.

Despite the impact of the train, the couple did not suffer life-threatening injuries and have been operated on at Addenbrooke's Hospital for numerous fractures, according to emergency medical charity Magpas.

A dog which was also in the camper van was unharmed, as were all 37 passengers who were on the train at the time.

A police spokesman confirmed the couple are still at Addenbrooke's in a "stable" condition.

The British Transport Police are investigating the collision.

Cathedral clock gives time but not chime

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THE clock on Ely Cathedral may still be ticking – but its chime isn't ringing out.

Worried residents have been calling the *Weekly News* over fears that the chime may have been deliberately switched off.

The chime, which usually rings on the hour and half hour, stopped around a fortnight ago, people say.

But cathedral staff say they only noticed it's absence a few days ago.

Janet O'Neill, of Lynn Road, Ely, said: "I work close to the cathedral and love hearing the chime.

"It just reminds me how lucky we are to have such a wonderful cathedral on our doorstep.

"The clock is still working but the chime stopped around two weeks ago. Lots of people are talking about it – they miss it. I just hope it's a case of quickly fixing it and not that our new bishop has decided he doesn't like the chime."

Peter Shoreditch, of Ely's Teasel Drive, said: "I'm sure there are some people who find the clock's chime irritating, but I enjoy hearing it. I haven't heard it for more than a week now."

Cathedral bosses think a lightning strike during a recent storm may be responsible and have assured residents the problem will be fixed.

Vicki Roulinson, cathedral clerk of works, said: "The clock is actually being serviced either at the end of this week, or early next week, so we hope to have the chimer fixed then too.

"We can assure people the chime has not been switched off."

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Prom night: enjoying the occasion are pupils from The King's School in Ely. 752377.

Prom fun for school leavers

SCHOOL leavers across the area have been enjoying the traditional end of year proms.

Dozens of summer balls have been held as pupils took the opportunity to don glamorous outfits and have some fun.

The glitzy occasions have been captured in a 32-page supplement packed with the events from across the region, including lots of pictures from The King's School Ely.

You will find the Proms 2011 supplement free in the Friday edition of our sister paper, the *Cambridge News*.

Teams in tribute to Joshua

A CHARITY football match is being held in memory of 8-year-old former Littleport schoolboy Joshua Hinchliffe

Joshua died at his family home in Southery, Norfolk, in October last year after a three-year battle with cancer.

On Saturday, a charity football match is being held at Littleport Community Primary School in Parsons Lane, Littleport, where Joshua was a pupil.

Players in the Littleport Rangers under-8s, under-9s and under-10s will be playing a tournament and there will be refreshments and children's activities.

Joshua was diagnosed with cancer in March 2007 when doctors found a kidney tumour.

After recovering from a course of intensive treatment to remove the tumour, Joshua was diagnosed with cancer again in September 2008 when doctors found a melon-sized lump in his pelvis.

Families are being encouraged to attend the event, which will be raising much-needed funds for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

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Court order for Tesco fraud pair

A COUPLE who used the same Tesco voucher 62 times in a fraud spree have been given a 12-month community order.

Penny and Nigel Ward used the voucher to pay for items including alcoholic drinks, cat litter and chocolate, a court heard.

The pair of Hillside Meadow, Fordham, reused a Tesco Clubcard voucher, valued at £17.50, repeatedly between December 15 last year and June 8 this year until staff at the Angel Drove branch in Ely noticed.

They visited seven branches in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Northamptonshire and Essex – racking up goods to the value of £1,085 – after finding out they could reuse it "by accident".

The pair had pleaded guilty to fraud at a previous hearing.

Graham Dalley, prosecuting, told Cambridge Magistrates' Court: "Tesco in Angel Drove, Ely, initially became aware that a Tesco Clubcard voucher was being used repeatedly at self-service tills and not surrendered.

"However, the voucher was being barcode read and an alternative piece of paper was being placed in the machine.

"It has been used at seven different branches since its issue in December last year. It continued until the day before Penny was arrested."

Penny Ward, 41, a mother-of-four, carried out most of the transactions, while her husband, 45, drove her to the stores and occasionally put paper into the machine in place of the voucher.

Julie Lowes, court probation officer, explained how debt had led to the crime.

She said: "The situation seems to have escalated in terms of their financial circumstances within the last three years, when they took on the rental of a four-bedroom private rented house for £1,400 a month."

Penny Ward, who suffers from depression and numerous illnesses, admitted it was a "stupid thing to do".

They were given a 12-month community order under supervision and have to pay £250 each in compensation to Tesco.

Police succeed in hunt for missing woman

A POLICE hunt was launched after a vulnerable woman was reported as missing.

Cambridgeshire Police received a call on Tuesday to say that a woman in her 50s had gone missing from an address in Ely overnight.

The woman was reported to have mental health issues.

A major police search was launched, including the police helicopter, and the woman was found safe and well in Cambridge just before 11am.

Caught on camera: Nicola Soulman, below and Hannah Burns, inset, model for the calendar. Pictured right, Amy Jolly

Calendar girls dare to bare for charity

A CHEEKY calendar – showing women baring all – is being made to raise money for charity.

Fourteen women from the Ely area, many of whom are well-known faces, have stripped to their underwear and posed for the project. Many have even put aside their fears and gone naked.

The 2012 calendar is being published to raise money for the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund.

The project has involved 14 models, five make-up artists and one dedicated photographer-to-the-stars, Tony Read, who all volunteered their time for free.

With all the photographs now ready and six of the 12 sponsors already lined up, the husband of Lisa, Robert Barnes, hopes to publish 2,000 copies of the calendar in September.

All cash raised from the sale of the calendars will go to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, for which the memorial fund is raising money.

Mrs Barnes, from Ely, died four days short of her 58th birthday on September 15 last year after a two-year battle with stomach cancer.

Her final days were spent at the Arthur Rank in Cambridge and her husband has pledged to raise £100,000 for the hospice.

Already, he has raised more than £22,000 and it is hoped the calendar will generate around £15,000 for the fund.

Among the women posing is 22-year-old Amy Jolly, a beauty and holistic therapist who works in Holistic Fields in Ely.

Miss Jolly, of Henley Way, Ely, said: "I've never done anything like it before but I'm a bit of a daredevil. The shoots were great fun and I also did a lot of the other women's make-up."

Mum-of-two Hannah Burns, 23, of Gadwall Way, Soham, also posed for the calendar.

She said: "It's not every day you get the chance to support a good cause in such a quirky, fun way. Arthur Rank Hospice is close to my heart for a number of reasons so I jumped at the chance."

Mr Barnes is now seeking six businesses or organisations to come forward and sponsor a month of the calendar for £300.

Once he has secured £3,600 in sponsorship, he will be able to get the 2,000 copies published.

To support the calendar, call Mr Barnes on 07885 087458 or email *lisaloulabell@yahoo.co.uk.*

Fears for elderly in care group closure

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CRISIS-stricken care firm Southern Cross Healthcare has announced its plans to shut down – leaving thousands of people facing an uncertain future.

Fears are now mounting for the future of frail and elderly residents living in its care – including those in Lily House in Ely and Midfield Lodge Care Centre in Oakington.

The firm, which has 752 care homes and has been in financial crisis since the beginning of this year, is to close after landlords refused to restructure rental agreements.

Landlords of 250 homes have agreed to take them back and run them themselves but negotiations are still ongoing with the owners of the other 502, a process that could take three to four months, it is understood.

The firm said final details of the plan have yet to be settled but all payments to trade creditors and staff are to be maintained to help with the transition to new owners or operators and keep continuity of care.

Cambridgeshire MEP Richard Howitt is calling on the Government to intervene.

Mr Howitt said: "Some of the most vulnerable people in our society are going to be turfed out of the place they call home.

"At present, the residents would have more rights if they were squatters. People with dementia rely on familiar helpers and surroundings and it is no exaggeration to say moving residents would shorten their lives."

The firm currently cares for more than 30,000 residents nationwide. As well as care homes in Ely and Cambridge, it also has one in March, three in Wisbech and one in Peterborough.

In a statement, the company's chief executive, Jamie Buchan, said: "My objective, and that of my team, is to continue to provide excellent care to every resident and to manage the programme of transition professionally.

"All 44,000 staff can take pride from the significant operational turnaround and improvements in care delivery which have been achieved over the past two years."

Cllr Catherine Hutton, Cambridgeshire County Council's cabinet member for adult services, said: "According to Southern Cross, the company's landlords will be asked to nominate alternative operators who they would wish to operate their properties.

"We will be consulted as part of this process and need to be satisfied that the credentials and track record of any new providers meet the required standards before any transfer can take place.

"We are ready to provide our expertise and help as and when it is required as the process of transfer takes place."

She added: "Our primary concern remains our residents and their families in the small number of homes in Cambridgeshire and further afield where we have placed people, and their best interests will be at the heart of our thinking."

Body found in field

POLICE and forensic teams cordoned off an area of Ely after the discovery of a body on Sunday.

A member of the public found the body in a field off Lynn Road at around 3.30pm.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Constabulary said: "We were called to reports of the body of a 23-year-old man being discovered in a field off Lynn Road in Ely on Sunday. The death is not being treated as suspicious and a file has been passed to the coroner."

A10 crash girl remains critical

A TEENAGE girl is still in a critical condition in hospital after being involved in a crash on the A10.

Jennifer To, 15, is believed to have been rushing for her school bus when she was in collision with a truck.

The crash happened at the Red Fen Road junction in Little Thetford just before 8am on July 4.

Jennifer, who is a student at Witchford Village College, is thought to be from the Red Fen Road area of Little Thetford.

She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital with a serious head injury.

Accident scene: emergency services beside the lorry that was involved in the crash.

On Tuesday, a police spokesman said: "Jennifer remains in a critical condition.

"This was a busy stretch of road and I'm sure other drivers and pedestrians will have seen what happened.

"We would appeal to anyone who saw the collision or either the girl or vehicle prior to the incident to contact police."

Anyone with any information about the accident should call Sgt Clare on 0345 456 4564 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

RSPCA to host open day

BLOCK Fen RSPCA Animal Centre is holding an open day on Sunday.

The centre, based in Wimblington, near Mepal, is inviting families to the event from 11am-4pm.

Cook book author Dee Hunwicks will be opening the event, which will include a dog show, children's amusements and fairground rides, craft and food stalls, raffles, dog agility and much more.

Entry is £2 for adults, £1 for senior citizens and children over 5, and free for children under 5. All dogs taken to the event must be vaccinated.

For more information, call 0300 123 0726.

Art auction to help charities

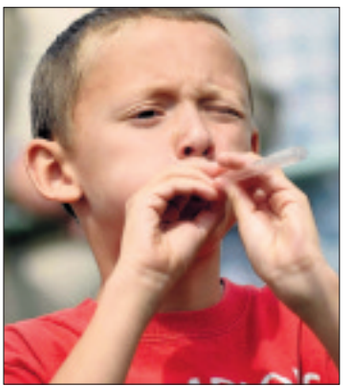
ART will be going under the hammer at Haddenham Galleries on Saturday to raise much-needed funds for charity.

Gallery owner Alastair Hull will be the auctioneer and artists and craftsmen from across the region have donated pieces.

The event runs from 6.30-8.30pm and all funds will go to Cam-Mind and the Christina Noble Children's Foundation.

The event is free, and there will be music from the Cambridge Gamelan Ensemble.

Pea-shooting hits the bullseye for village funds



PEOPLE gathered from far and wide in Witcham on Saturday.

The village hosted its annual World Pea Shooting Championships – and as ever, the competition was tough.

Competitors took part in the unique event by attempting to shoot standard dried peas at calibrated targets 12 feet away on the village green.

The championships were created in 1971 by local schoolteacher John Tyson, who was inspired by the peas and shooters he confiscated from his mischievous pupils.

Locals stage the annual pea-shooting championship to raise cash for village groups.

Families were also entertained with stalls, children's games, real ales and raffles on the village green throughout the afternoon.

On target: Max Dewey takes aim, above left, while Darren Gillings and son Alfie line up their sights, above. Right, Saffron Grey gives it her best shot. Pictures: Duncan Lamont 752646/722645/752641.

Pupils in focus on business

YOUNG mathematicians at the King's Junior School in Ely are proving to be budding entrepreneurs.

Ten- and 11-year-olds in year 6 have been running four competing enterprise projects selling flowers, fruit, berries and vegetables.

Each group – the Fruity Freaks, Green Team, Flower Power and the Berry Cups – was given a £25 start-up fund and the children promoted their products through flyers, blogs, advertising jingles, posters and by internet orders.

Key Stage 2 maths co-ordinator Cate Middleton said the exercise was a success.

"They were amazing, out performing all our expectations," she added.

All profits will be shared between Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Shelton Trust, which is rebuilding schools in Sri Lanka which were destroyed by the 2004 tsunami.

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Cromwell's lead stolen

LEAD worth hundreds of pounds has been stolen from the roof of Oliver Cromwell House in Ely.

Police say approximately £500 worth of lead flashing was taken at the tourist information centre some time between midnight on July 1 and 2pm on July 6.

Tracey Harding, team leader for tourism at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "I am shocked and appalled that someone could do this to Oliver Cromwell House – the home of one of the most important people in British history.

"The police have been very helpful and we hope that the investigations will track down the offender."

Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Rock 'n' roll fun

A ROCK 'n' roll night is being held in Soham on Saturday to raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Robert Barnes, founder of the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund, has organised the event, which will feature all the big hits from the likes of Elvis and Buddy Holly.

The event is being held at The Brook and starts at 7pm.

Tickets are £25. There will also be a barbecue, auction and raffles.

For tickets or more information, phone (01353) 669880 or visit Burrows Bookshop in Ely.

Tribute paid as bishop loses battle with cancer

ONE of the region's top clerics has died after a long battle against cancer.

Michael Evans, the Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia, died in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital aged 59.

He was diagnosed with what the diocesan authorities described as "advanced and aggressive prostate cancer" six years ago, not long after he took up the role of bishop.

The Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway, said: "I am very sad to learn of the death of Bishop Michael Evans.

"I visited him in my installation and we enjoyed a quiet celebration of shared faith and hope.

"Like Pope John Paul II, Michael's living with his illness was more eloquent than any sermon about living through human weakness the joy of Christ's resurrection.

"He will be remembered in our prayers across the diocese.

"May he rest in peace and rise in glory."

£6k fine for drug dose GP

A DOCTOR who killed a patient in Cambridgeshire with a huge drug overdose has been fined more than £6,000 by medical authorities in Germany.

Dr Daniel Ubani was working for an out-of-hours medical service in 2008 when he gave 70-year-old David Gray a fatal injection.

A court in Germany has now imposed a fine of 7,000 euros (£6,275) , for breaking its professional code of conduct.

The court decided he had breached the code in connection with the death of Mr Gray three years ago and had also mistreated two other patients while working in the UK.

The doctor was working for an out-of-hours medical service in 2008 when he injected Mr Gray with 10 times the recommended dosage of diamorphine during a visit to his home in Manea.

Couple rack up the miles for hospital funds

A DAD whose son was born with kidney failure has put his best foot forward to support the hospital which saved his life.

Darren Hopkin's son, Harvey, was born at Addenbrooke's Hospital in 2005 but was automatically sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) in London.

Harvey was born with kidney failure and had to be cared for by specialist nurses for more than a month before he was allowed home.

Now aged 6, Harvey, a pupil at William Marshall Primary School in Welney, is a normal, lively schoolboy, despite having only one working kidney.

Last Sunday, Mr Hopkin, a 36-year-old bricklayer, and his partner, trainee midwife Rachel Stokes, 43, took part in the British 10k Run in London.

They hope to have raised around £600 for the GOSH children's charity.

Mr Hopkin, of Clayway, Ely, said: "If it wasn't for the nurses at Great Ormond Street, Harvey wouldn't be here today.

"To look at him now it's impossible to tell how poorly he was as he's just a normal, hyperactive little boy.

"Thanks to them, he's stable and able to lead a normal life, however, when things start to deteriorate he will need a kidney transplant."

To make a donation, visit *www.gosh.org*.

Keep on running: Darren Hopkin and partner Rachel Stokes

Picture: Keith Heppell 752168.

New hopes for neighbourhood

Talks held with firm over 'scruffy' western area

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NEIGHBOURHOODS in Ely which have stood unfinished for years – due to a row over who is responsible for them – could soon be completed.

For almost five years, residents living in new developments in the city's western area, including Alexander Chase, Collier Close and Tennyson Place, have had to put up with "scruffy", incomplete pathways and communal garden areas.

The Kier Group, who built the developments, and East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) have been in talks for years about whose responsibility it is to complete the paths and landscaping – leaving residents to suffer .

The strip of land, which runs alongside the A10 bypass leading to the roundabout with the A142, has split ownership between the Kier Group and the council, which has caused the confusion.

But now district council officers are in talks with the developers and are preparing a tender to cover land contouring, grass cover and buffer planting.

The council also wants to build a footpath and cycle link – all before winter.

A project group involving local members and supported by officers has been set up to guide the process and the intention is to involve local community groups in delivering future planting.

Cllr Peter Moakes, district council leader, said: "The Western Gateway is home to thousands of families all who are keen to use the land around the homes.

"As it stands, there is an incomplete section which I am sure is more than annoying to many people who go for walks, cycle or want to visit friends.

"To tackle the problem we are working with a number of groups and the local community to make the land useful."

Liberal Democrat Cllr Sue Austen, who represents Ely West ward, said: "It is about time residents heard news like this.

"For years they have had to put up with scruffy, unfinished areas near their homes and it is not fair."

A spokeswoman for Kier said: "Kier Partnership Homes (KPH) is very keen to proceed with the matter of East Cambridgeshire District Council adopting all of the land between the A10 bypass and the KPH development, which currently has split ownership between both parties.

"KPH has attempted to open discussions with the council over the past year, with a view to clarify the works required to allow ECDC to fully adopt the area in order to resolve this ongoing issue to the satisfaction of the ECDC.

"KPH and the local residents as soon as possible. The area of land that KPH is currently responsible for is regularly maintained in accordance with KPH's obligations, and at significant cost, and KPH will continue to manage its area of the land in this way until ECDC clarifies its position on its future development."

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Roads among barriers to local jobs

Sir, I'm a relatively recent resident of Littleport and consider it to be my home, having settled here during 2009. Having read G Spinks letter ('We must think of the future', *Weekly News*, July 7) – I find myself in complete agreement with their observations regarding the lack of local employment in Littleport.

My personal experiences and conversations with local people have already acquainted me with a sense of local cultural history which for me, have played an important part in my settlement into the local community.

I've noticed the horrific regularity of fatalities on the roads along with the congestion suffered by commuters, which seem to be overlooked in any considerations regarding the serious encouragement of local employment for local people.

The carbon footprint created by the daily commute alone should be enough to force the hand of local government to take affirmative action in this respect, and that of any 'green' and 'natural' initiatives locally.

I've read the Littleport Development Plan and made a small contribution to the process by sharing my observations and thoughts. I remarked that in my view of social policy planning and initiatives, employment was 'key' to overcoming a myriad of social problems potentially acting as obstacles to the realisation of any genuine planned developments.

Strategic planning is, of course, an important part of any process, although tactical thinking and its implementation plays a crucial part in any improvements in employment, education, housing, health and social security issues.

I believe that Littleport Parish Council has a prime role in catering for the future of the local community, although it doesn't appear clear to me just how seriously they're taking their role in what is being laid directly before of them. Or what exactly their future relationships with the district, county and regional authorities will be regarding local employment. Perhaps someone would care enlighten us...

Russell Ramshaw
via email

A pat on the back for Jack

Sir, I got to the island platform at Ely Station on Saturday afternoon to find my rail pass missing.

So I dashed back looking for it as far as the booking hall and asked at the counter. Thereupon a charming man asked me my name and said he was just about to hand it in, having rung the phone number inside and naturally found me not there!

I am so grateful for his kindness and good sense. Sadly I could not make out his surname on the recording when I got back, but it sounded like Jack McCaudey - so if anyone knows him, pass on my thanks.

Anthea Maybury
DownhamRd
Ely

Let us enjoy the England we love

Sir, as Claire Rylands so fondly cherishes the Islamic call to prayer ('I'd love to see a mosque in city, *Weekly News*, June 30), may I suggest she takes herself off to reside in an Islamic country and leave us to enjoy what is left of the England we love.

Mr. D.G.Webb
Dean Peacock Court
Ely

Cycle of cost rises for kids' bike training?

Sir, I am a volunteer Safer Cycling instructor for my local school, Willingham Primary. The whole situation regarding instruction next year is incredibly complicated.

If the school is to continue with the Cambridgeshire Safer Cycling Programme then the schools will be charged £10 per pupil (they are not currently charged at all).

As an alternative, they have been told that they can now join the National Bikeability scheme. This was introduced a couple of years ago to bring up the overall standard and availability of cycle training across the country. It is run by professional training organisations who are busy recruiting instructors at the moment (all of the Cambs Safer Cycling Instructors have been asked, for instance).

At the moment the Bikeability training is heaviliy subsidised for Cambridgeshire by central Government as part of the investment in cycle infrastructure in and around the city.

Bikeability has been offered to my local school for the same price (£10 per head) as the volunteer-run programme. This seems good value in the short term, but once the funding subsidies are withdrawn (2013?) the costs for the delivery of Bikeability are expected to soar to something in the region of £50 per head. By the time that these costs are realised, the volunteer instructors delivering the Cambs Safer Cycling programme will have long since hung up their cycle helmets and before you know it, Safer Cycle training will be for the privileged few.

I started as an instructor five years ago when my eldest daughter left year 6 without any training (resulting from a lack of volunteer instructors covering the school). Since I started, more than 140 children in Willingham have benefited from the scheme, which provides an introduction to general road safety as well as improving their confidence when riding their bikes on the road.

It seems rather ironic that my youngest daughter starts year 6 next year and will probably miss out due to the change in funding.

It's also rather ironic that the Government, so quick to call upon volunteers to support the Big Society, are ditching some of them in favour of subsidising professional training organisations to deliver training at a profit.

I think this should be looked at very carefully. The schools have already been sent letters asking them to state their intentions for next year so we don't have long to think about it!

Nigel Leaney
Saxon Way
Willingham

I'm hoping that it's full steam ahead for station

Sir, I read with interest your item about the possibility of reopening Soham station. As a life long railway enthusiast I welcome any improvement to the rail network.

Although born in Ely I have lived in London for almost all of my life. However, at the beginning of June I retired to Little Downham, which, of course, has lost its station at Black Bank too. I have noted the growth of housing in Soham and was pleased to learn about the reopening plans at a meeting in London last October addressed by Andrew Munden, Network Rail Route Director East Anglia.

He outlined the various options for rebuilding the station which would probably be in the form of one platform with a long passing loop so that passenger trains could call in both directions.

I would point out, however, that as things are a direct service to Cambridge is not possible. That would require the reopening of the north-to-south link at Newmarket between Snailwell Junction and Warren Hill Junction, which last saw a passenger train on September 13 1965.

Although desirable, reinstatement of this short link would cost a considerable amount so if Soham station is to be reopened trains from Ely to Bury would be the ones to call, at least at first.

Let us hope that the finance and willingness are available for the project to go ahead.

Stephen Williams,
Cannon Street
Little Downham

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City counts down to bumper festival

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

EVERYTHING from cathedral tours to street entertainment will be taking over Ely next week to celebrate the beginning of the Open Weekend 2011.

A major Culture Night Festival is being held in the city on the evening of Friday, July 22 to mark the UK-wide countdown to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The free event will kick off at 6pm and families from across East Cambridgeshire are being invited to join in with the fun.

The attractions will include Oliver Cromwell House – where visitors will be able to meet a Roundhead and tour the house to understand a little more about the 17th century – and Ely Cathedral and Stained Glass Museum, where there will be tours of the ground floor and an opportunity to go on a twilight tower tour.

Ely Museum will host a Fen skating exhibition and tours of the gaol, and Ely Library will have a beginners' guide to researching family history.

The night will also involve street entertainment throughout the city with musical performances by local acts including Ely Nozye, Ely Waites and the Ely Samba band.

Visitors can then wander down to the Babylon Galley in Waterside and take part in the 'buntathon' – creating a 50m long piece of community bunting.

The evening will culminate with a Riverside Pink Party in Jubilee Gardens from 8pm-10pm, where people can enjoy a drink and a barbecue and dance the night away to music from tribute band the ABBA Queens.

District Cllr Richard Hobbs said: "With so many events and activities, I am sure there will be something for everyone."

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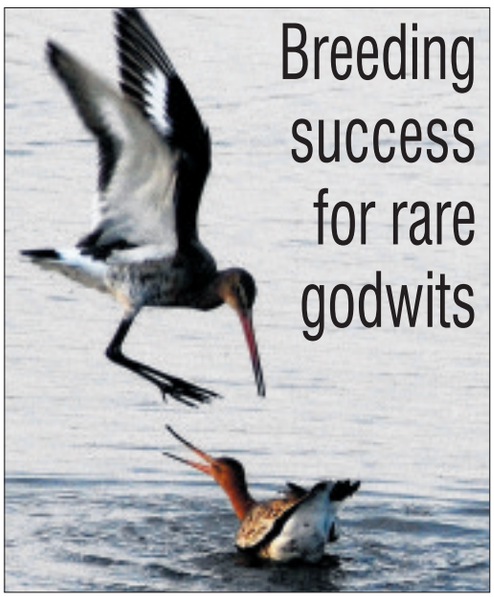
Breeding success for rare godwits



Winging it: black-tailed godwits have successfully reared a brood of three chicks at Welney Wetland Centre. Picture: Jon Reeves

A PAIR of rare wading birds have successfully reared a brood of chicks at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) in Welney.

Black-tailed godwits are an extremely rare sight on the Ouse Washes, with only small numbers breeding compared with more than 60 in the 1960s.

But a pair of the large wading birds, which migrate to the UK from Africa each spring, have hatched and nurtured three chicks on the reserve's recently-created Lady Fen, much to the delight of staff and local bird watchers.

Leigh Marshall, WWT reserve manager, said: "It's great to see these birds using the wetlands that we have created.

"Black-tailed godwits are a site-specific nesting bird, so if their nesting habitat is flooded they will try to find other suitable areas as close as possible to the original site.

"The fact that they have chosen to nest on this recently created wetlands site when the Ouse washes are flood-free is testament to the hard work that has been undertaken throughout this project."

The Lady Fen, which is about 80 hectares of recently-flooded farmland, has also been beneficial for breeding lapwing, redshank, avocet, little ringed plover and yellow wagtail.

Choir's first album

A COMMUNITY choir which was set up less than 18 months ago is releasing its debut album.

Witchford Voices has gone from strength to strength since it was launched last year and now has 75 members from all walks of life.

The choir, which performs a wide variety of songs from Latin pieces to U2, has been taking to the stage at events across the region and in June 2012 will be touring Europe.

On Saturday (July 16), the choir is releasing its debut album *People Like You*. It is £10 and copies are available by emailing witchfordvoices@btinternet.com.

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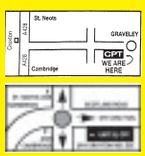

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Bloom judges on patrol

MEMBERS of the Ely in Bloom committee will be out and casting their eye over the floral displays.

The city may not be taking part in the prestigious Anglia in Bloom competition this year but the committee is still holding its own Ely in Bloom competition and has encouraged residents to flaunt their green-fingered skills.

Judging day will take place on Tuesday. Members will be judging shop windows in the city, volunteers' flowerbeds and community gardens in sheltered housing accommodation schemes.

Residents are also being encouraged to send pictures of their hanging baskets to the City of Ely Council.

A presentation evening of prizes will be arranged.

To take part or contact the council, email *admin2.cityofely@tiscali.co.uk* or phone (01353) 661016.

Arson attack on garage

ARSONISTS set fire to a garage in Queensway, Soham, just after 12.30am on Saturday.

Two fire crews from the town arrived to find one of the garages well alight.

Two hose reels and one jet were used to extinguish the flames. The cause of the fire was confirmed as deliberate.

Crash victim is released

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a traffic collision involving a car and a van near Littleport last Friday afternoon.

Two crews attended the scene in Black Horse Drove in Ten Mile Bank at 1pm.

They used cutting equipment to free a female casualty from the car. The van driver was unharmed.

Author signs debut book

AUTHOR Katie Ward visited Ely to launch her debut novel, *Girl Reading*.

Mrs Ward, who lives in Suffolk, signed copies of her new book and spoke to members of the public at Topping & Company Booksellers.

Mrs Ward, who has worked at a women's refuge in the past, took a career break to write her novel after coming across an article about a book of portraits of women and girls reading. The book is now on sale.

Residents hit out at boozers

Action call over anti-social cathedral drinkers

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

INTIMIDATING drinkers are ruining visits to Ely Cathedral – despite police attempts to crack down on them, say residents.

Last year, orders limiting alcohol use were imposed in the cathedral grounds, including Cathedral Green, Cross Green and Palace Green, in a bid to stop drinkers causing a nuisance.

Frustrated residents now say more groups of people are gathering and drinking alcohol in the grounds, "ruining the Ely experience" for locals and visitors.

The orders do not prevent sociable drinking, such as at public events or picnics, but people drinking alcohol and causing public disorder are subject to punishment.

But residents are demanding a greater police presence in the grounds, with officers taking stricter action.

Barbara Weston, of Beresford Road, said: "I think things are getting worse rather than better.

"I've been sitting in the cathedral's Palace Green area on two separate occasions recently and both times I actually felt quite intimidated.

"There were lots of families and elderly couples enjoying the sunshine but there were also several large groups of people with cans and bottles who were nothing but a nuisance.

"They were shouting abuse to people nearby and I witnessed a lot of people getting up and leaving.

"These people are ruining the Ely experience not only for us residents but for the thousands of tourists our beautiful cathedral attracts too."

Another resident, who did not want to be named, said: "We need a greater police presence in the cathedral grounds – that's the only way it's going to stop.

"There might be signs up alerting people about the special orders but that isn't stopping these people from ruining things for those who want to enjoy the cathedral."

The orders were introduced by police after residents raised the issue at neighbourhood panel meetings.

Inspector Robin Sissons, Ely's sector inspector, said: "We are aware that as soon as the weather warms up, more people will congregate and drink in the cathedral grounds. We have increased our patrols to directly tackle this.

"However, there is some misconception about the orders in place.

"We can only take action if people are drinking and being anti-social – not just if they are drinking. Changing the drinking culture does not happen overnight but we are getting there.

"What we need is anyone who witnesses any anti-social behaviour around the cathedral – or anywhere else – to report it to us on 0345 4564564."

Crowds flock to folk festival

ROOTS-friendly sounds filled the skies of Ely when the city's annual folk festival came to town.

Thousands of folk music lovers from across the region – and beyond – flocked to the event.

Now in its 26th year, the three-day festival was held at the Ely Outdoor Centre, in Downham Road, from last Friday to Sunday.

As ever, dozens of live acts took to the stage, including hit Irish band Dervish, Scottish band Shooglenifty and The Men They Couldn't Hang.

Rising folk stars the 3 Daft Monkeys and Ahab, The QP and The Bounty Hounds also performed.

Americana sounds were provided by the Brooks Williams Band, Dana and Susan Robinson and The Malingers provided a country/blues vibe.

As well as the music, there was also a Morris dancing procession through Ely on the Saturday, music and dance workshops, children's entertainment, a real ale bar and plenty of stalls and refreshments.

Music man: Three Daft Monkeys perform. Left, festival-goers take shelter from the rain.

Pictures: Duncan Lamont 752640/752637.

Pre-school has more than the 'bear' necessities

THERE were celebrations all round at a pre-school and children's club in Ely after a visit from Ofsted.

Barney Bears Pre-school and High Barns Out-of-school Club, based at the High Barns Community Rooms, has been rated as good and outstanding in all areas.

Inspectors marked the facility's effectiveness of safeguarding as outstanding and the extent to which children achieve and enjoy their learning, the extent to which they feel safe and the effectiveness with which equality and diversity is promoted were all marked as outstanding.

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Cafe tackles language skills

PEOPLE in Ely area are being given the chance to improve their English in a social environment.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has set up a new club to help people who have settled in the region, but have not undertaken formal language courses, to improve their English.

The English Language Café meets at the Lighthouse Centre, in Lynn Road, Ely, every Tuesday at 10.30am.

The new scheme aims to offer to bridge the language gap through informal conversation, with mentors helping to guide people through the basics of the English language.

Emily Haysom, the district council's health and safety housing officer, said: "Learning a language can be daunting, especially if you are not confident, but the lack of language can have a detrimental impact on people's every day life.

"This new club is informal, social and fun – a bit like the atmosphere you get at a book club. Anyone can come along, from young mums to the elderly."

For more information or to volunteer as a mentor, contact Emily (01353) 665555 or email *Emily.haysom@eastcambs.gov.uk*

Happy talk: Ann Toulmin speaks with Natalia Youngs and Liudmila Spiridonava, who are both from Russia.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 751657.

Cathedral date for top TV chef Rick

TELEVISION chef Rick Stein is coming to Ely.

The popular cook and restaurateur will be visiting Ely Cathedral on Wednesday, July 20 to talk about his latest book, *Rick Stein's Spain*.

His new illustrated cookbook has been published to accompany a major BBC2 series.

In it, he has selected more than 140 recipes which he feels capture the authentic taste of Spain.

Mr Stein, is co-owner of the famous restaurant, Rick Stein at Bannisters, and has written 11 cookery books.

The event at Ely Cathedral starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 and visitors will receive a £10 discount if they want to buy his new book.

For tickets or more information, call Toppings & Company Bookshop on (01353) 645005.

Ofsted team praises pre-school standards

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A VILLAGE pre-school has been rated as 'good' in all areas by Government inspectors.

Littleport Community Pre-school, which operates from Littleport Community Primary School, has just seen the results of its latest Ofsted inspection published.

The pre-school, which has 66 children on roll, was praised as being good in all areas.

Inspectors said: "Children enjoy their time at this friendly pre-school and make good progress in their learning and development.

"Their safety and security is promoted well and, as a result, children are settled and feel secure. Practice is inclusive and supports all children to actively participate in activities which meet their individual interests and developmental needs.

"Staff have developed effective partnerships with parents and other early years professionals, ensuring children's needs are fully supported.

"The pre-school's developing self-evaluation process ensures it is well placed to secure sustained and continuous improvement."

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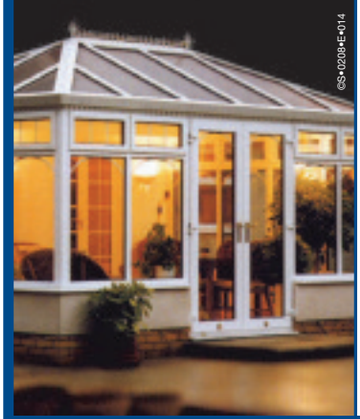

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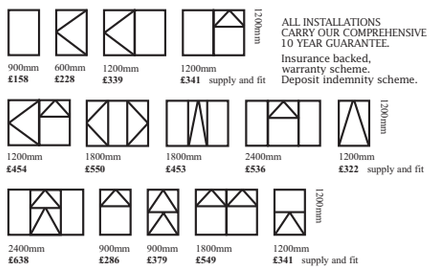

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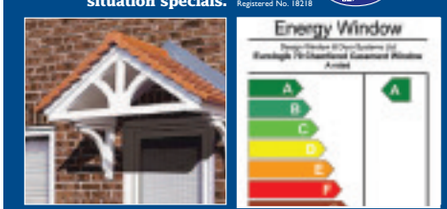

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Planning applications

■ A primary school could soon boast its own 'hygiene area'. Robert Arkenstall Primary School in Haddenham has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build an extension.

■ Mr and Mrs T Lake have applied for planning permission to build a detached house, garage and associated works at the rear of number 41, High Street in Soham. The application has been lodged with East Cambridgeshire District Council.

■ A three-bedroom property could be built in Stretham. Mr Ray Vail, of Maple Close, Bishop's Stortford, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build the property at 1, Berry Green.

■ A farm could soon boast a new storage shed. Mr R Hamence, of Bury Lane, Sutton, has applied for planning permission to build a storage shed for machinery and hay at Brookland Farm in The Brook, Sutton. East Cambridgeshire District Council is expected to make a decision within the next eight weeks.

■ A property could be built in Witchford. Mr and Mrs D Pugh, of The Warren, have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a detached three-bedroom dwelling next to their home.

■ New accommodation could soon open its doors in Littleport. Mr and Mrs G Spinks, of Wellington Street, have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a bed and breakfast unit at Wellington Barns.

■ A timber yard could be built on land in Soham. Mr and Mrs S Mutton have applied for planning permission to change the use of part of the land to the side and rear of 59A, Great Fen Road into a timber yard. East Cambridgeshire District Council could make a decision on the proposals within the next eight weeks.

To view these applications or have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Museum focuses on Fens' history

FARMERS from across the region and South East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice gathered at Ely Museum.

The museum invited Mr Paice, the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, and farmers along to learn more about the education programmes it runs, teaching children about local food production and general farming in the fens.

Since 2006, the museum has run educational programmes about the Fens, introducing children and adults to its unique landscape and history. Through lively and fun activities, they are able to learn about the long tradition of farming in the region and the wide variety of food that farmers grow.

Mr Paice and other guests were also able to see how children are taught the history of Fen drainage at Prickwillow Draining Museum, before visiting Ely Museum to learn more about the education programmes.

Life in the past: education officer Sally Austin, farmer Tom Clarke, curator Kate Ayres and MP Jim Paice at the museum.

Picture: Keith Heppell 750464.

Drivers caught in diesel scam

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

THREE drivers had to pay £500 fines after being caught running their vehicles on red diesel.

Officers from the Rural Community Action Team seized the vehicles in a day of action at Cheffins Machinery Sales in Sutton on July 4.

They were handed back after the on-the-spot fines were paid. Two other drivers were given words of advice after traces of red diesel – dyed gas oil for registered agricultural or construction vehicles – were found in their fuel tanks.

A total of 317 vehicles were tested at the agricultural sales auction in the clampdown run by police, HMRC Road Fuel Testing unit, Ely Neighbourhood Policing Team and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Four vehicles were stopped for having no insurance – two were seized and one forfeited at the scene. Four drivers were fined for not wearing a seatbelt, seven fines were issued for number plate offences and another driver fined for driving with no tax.

PC Darren Clarke said: "This was a hugely successful operation which sent out a clear message that Cambridgeshire police will not tolerate those trying to avoid paying duty on fuel and using vehicles in an unroadworthy condition."

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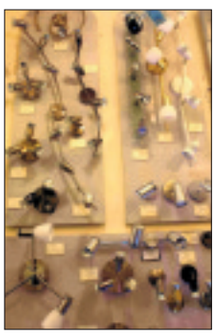

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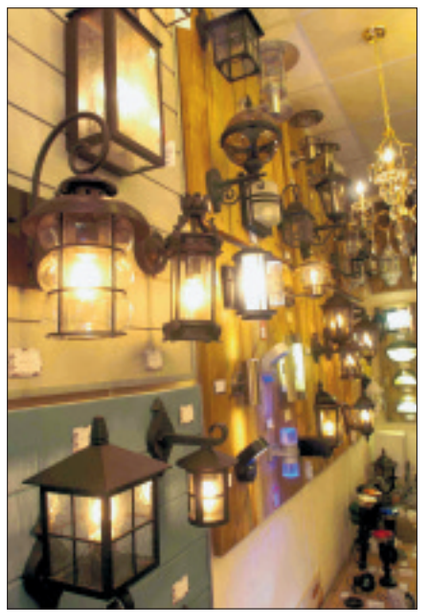

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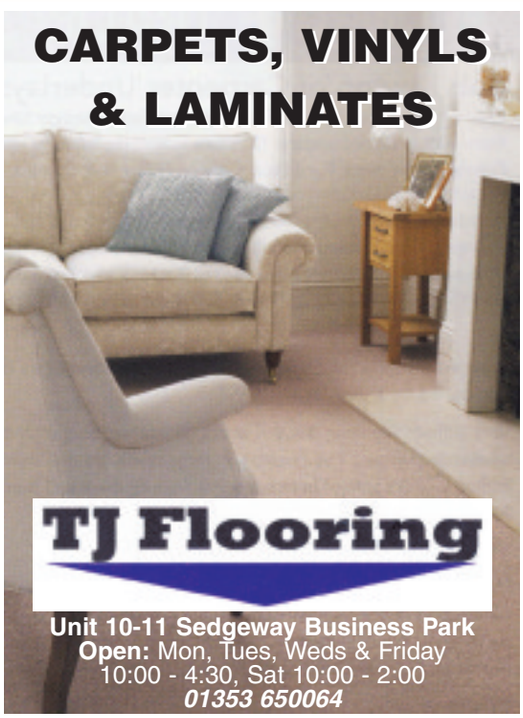

'Manipulative' mum is jailed

BY JORDAN DAY

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A MOTHER-OF-TWO with a catalogue of "manipulative" criminal offences has been jailed.

Sabena Ruwizhi, 31, was convicted of grabbing her ex-fiancé Alex Edstrom by the throat and smashing a picture frame in the face of her mother-in-law Mercy Lopez during a drink-fuelled row.

The attack happened at her home in Wisbech Road, Littleport, last September.

Ruwizhi, who is of Zimbabwean origin, had denied two charges of assault but was found guilty by a jury at Cambridge Crown Court in May.

Ruwizhi has now been sentenced by the court to 11 months in custody, of which she will serve half.

At the time of the offence, Ruwizhi was subject to two suspended prison sentences.

In May 2008, she was involved in a 29-hour armed police siege at her then home in Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, in which she threatened to kill a child unless her immigration status was resolved.

Ruwizhi, pictured, received an eight-month prison sentence, suspended for two years after admitting two offences of making threats to kill. In 2010, she was also given a 12-month suspended sentence for fraudulently claiming £26,000 in benefits.

At court this week, Georgina Gibbs, mitigating, said: "It is clear my client is a lady who has felt isolated being in this country.

"She has suffered with severe depression, and it is this, teamed with her immigration status troubles, which have led to these offences.

"She is absolutely petrified at the thought of going into prison and being apart from her two young children."

She added: "My client is also terrified about the prospect of having to return to Zimbabwe."

Psychiatric reports had concluded Ruwizhi did not suffer from any serious mental health problems, the court heard.

Judge Gareth Hawkesworth, sentencing Ruwizhi, said: "What seems clear is that you are a highly manipulative individual who indulges in bursts of unpredictable behaviour.

"You are an attention-seeker and you are in complete denial about the offences you have committed, which I must add, are extremely serious."

Ruwizhi will not be deported when she is released on licence in five-and-a-half months' time. She has now had her immigration status resolved and has been given leave to stay in the country.

As she was escorted into the cells, Ruwizhi screamed and sobbed, shouting: "This is not the way to treat illegal immigrants. Lord forgive me."

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Kirstyn Gaunt, the kennels' deputy manager, is appealing to animal lovers to spare a few pounds and donate food to the centre.

"Our kennels are currently full with dogs which have either been abandoned or neglected.

"With so many extra mouths to feed it means we are getting through an awful lot of dog food. We are now desperate for bags of complete dog biscuit – in fact we have now run out."

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Ely

LARKFIELD LARKS: A children's arts and crafts event is being held in Ely on Sunday. Act4Kidz, a local charity which works to provide disabled or disadvantaged children with social and sports activities, is hosting the event at the Larkfield Centre in Ely's High Barns.
Running from 2.30pm-4pm, local PAT dogs will also be visiting the centre. Priority will be given to young people aged 3-19 with additional needs, although all children are welcome. Places must be booked in advance by calling Niki Pitt on 07880 557795.
CASH SPLASH: Two charities are each £100 better off thanks to swimmers at the Paradise Pool in Ely.
By taking part in the nationwide Swimathon 2011 challenge in April, £200 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care and The Swimathon Foundation.
Organiser Lizzy McConnell, the pool's contract manager, said: "We're thrilled to have been able to help Marie Curie Cancer Care again this year. It was touching to see how many swimmers arrived, if not to swim, but to show their support for such a worthy cause."
FAMILY FUN: A family fun day is being held at Ely City Football Club on Sunday. Staff and parents from the Lantern Primary School's Goslings Pre-school in Ely have organised the event to raise money to improve the pre-school's outdoor play area. From 12.30pm-4pm there will be bouncy castles, zorbing, face-painting, fairground rides, live music, a licensed bar, as well as lots of stalls, raffles and refreshments.

Haddenham

BAND CONCERT: Waterbeach Brass Band is performing in Haddenham on Saturday. The band is hosting a concert at the village's Holy Trinity Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 in advance or £6 on the door and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Peter Handley on (01353) 740308.

Littleport

WHIPPET UP: Dog owners from across the region will be descending in Littleport on Sunday, when a whippet show is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre in Camel Road. To submit entries or for more information, call the centre on (01353) 860600.

More than just beer on offer at festival

Summer fun: children enjoy the festival, above, and inset, Rotary Club vice president and chairman of the organising committee, Stephen Oliver, toasts the new Guide and Scout community building with Cub Scout leader Mark Clements.
Pictures: CP.

REAL ale lovers from across the region flocked to Soham for the town's annual beer and music festival.
The two-day extravaganza was organised by Soham Rotary Club on the town's recreation ground.
Hundreds of revellers sipped and slurped their way through more than 20 barrels of beer, as well as real ales and ciders.
There were also children's activities, live music from local bands and performances from school choirs and community groups.
Stephen Oliver, the festival's main organiser, said: "There was bright sunshine on both days, which provided a really summery atmosphere."
The festival raised about £4,000 for the Soham Guides and Scouts, who want to install roof lights in their new community centre. An auction was also held, which raised more than £1,000 for the town's Weatheralls Primary School.

PANTO PLEA: An amateur dramatic group's annual pantomime may be months away – but auditions are being held this month.
The Littleport Players have announced that their pantomime this year will be Alice in Wonderland. Performances will be held at the village hall from December 8-10, but auditions are being held on Monday, July 18 and Wednesday, July 20.
Both sets of auditions will take place at the village's Millfield Primary School at 7.30pm. No previous experience is needed. For more information, phone 07799 604209 or email *rebekah.g@tesco.net*.
FLOWER POWER: 'Catwalk Calling' is the title of Littleport Flower Arrangement Club's next demonstration. Julie Woods will be hosting the event at the village hall in Victoria Street tomorrow.
The demonstration starts at 7.30pm. There will be raffles, a sales table and refreshments.
For more information, call Pam Hayes on (01353) 860102.

Soham

FUN FOR ALL: There will be smiles all round at The Brook in Soham on Sunday when a family fun day is held from 11am-6pm.
A host of activities have been arranged, including performances from the Soham Fenlander Majorettes and the Viva Youth Theatre group, treasure hunts, children's sports, bouncy castles and face-painting. There will also be stalls, a barbecue and other refreshments. Entry is £2 per family. For more information, phone (01353) 721748.
KIDS' SESSIONS: Children are being invited to let off steam at The Brook. The town's Viva Youth Theatre group is holding fun-filled activity sessions on Saturday and on Saturday, July 30.
The sessions, running from 10am-noon, will be led by CRB checked teachers and will include games and challenges. Sessions cost £5, which includes refreshments. Places must be booked in advance by phoning (01353) 722228.

Sutton

ON REFLECTIONS: Dance the night away in Sutton on Saturday. The Sutton Royal British Legion is hosting a 'reflections' disco from 8pm onwards.
On Saturday, July 23, there will also be a race night for people to enjoy. Horses are available to buy for £2 each from the bar or on the night. Phone (01353) 778330.

Witchford

GARDEN GLORY: Haddenham-based artist Barbara Grafton is the current flavour of the month at Needham's Restaurant & Art Gallery in Main Street, Witchford.
Every two months the restaurant has an artist exhibiting their work and on show now until Thursday, July 28 are Mrs Grafton's colourful and vibrant abstracts, including pictures of Ely Cathedral and Wicken Fen. Needham's is open for lunch from Tuesday to Sunday and in the evenings from Tuesday to Saturday. See *http://needhams.ovendenart.com*.

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Guides' three-legged walk

Leg it: members of the 1st Witchford Guides during their three-legged walk. Picture: CP.

A GROUP of Guides completed a two-mile three-legged walk to raise money for charity.

Twenty members of the 1st Witchford Guides tied their legs together for the quirky challenge, having laughs along the way and raising £150 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Their district treasurer, Colin Bird, is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in September to support the charity, and the Guides, all aged 10-14, decided to help him raise extra sponsorship.

Sara Vail, guide leader, said: "As members of Girlguiding UK, the Guides decided that this was a very worthy cause to support.

"One in eight women in the UK will develop breast cancer at some point in their lifetime and girls were keen to take part in some community action that was a personal challenge for them, as well as raising money for Colin's trek."

Mr Bird, who has been district treasurer for the past two years, lives in Witchford and hopes to raise £5000 for the charity.

To support him, visit *www.justgiving.com/colin-bird*.

Picture: CP.

Lucy's on song for a place in girls' choir

SWEET-sounding teenager Lucy Green, left, has been awarded one of only three available places in Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir.

The 13-year-old King's Junior School student will join the other members of the girls' choir – all boarders in King's Senior School – in September.

Earlier this year, she successfully auditioned for a place with the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

During the summer holidays, she will spend a week in Harrogate on one of the NYC's residential courses which aim to develop performance skills at the highest level.

Lucy, a founder member of Ely Imps, began singing lessons with Vanessa Scott when she was seven.

She also plays trombone and piano.

The two other places have been awarded to Anna Willis from St John's School, Cambridge, and Ursule Taujanskas, from Lithuania, who will both be joining Lucy in Year 9 at King's Junior School.

Picture: CP.

The game is afoot for Susan

AN Ely woman has bounced back from redundancy by setting up her own business.

Susan Murray, of Prickwillow Road, worked for Cambridgeshire Enterprise Services before the firm closed down in 2009.

Mrs Murray, right, saw being made redundant as an opportunity to have a career change – and for the past 18 months, she has been training to become a foot health practitioner.

Now she has opened her own home-based surgery and is ready to tackle the foot problems of East Cambridgeshire.

Mrs Murray said: "I knew that with an ageing population and the growth of illnesses such as diabetes there was an ever greater need for foot health professionals. I undertake treatments from simple nail trimming, reduction of bulky nails, removing corns and callus, through to diabetic foot assessment." Phone (01353) 610494 or visit *www.susanmurray-foothealth.co.uk.*

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Chorister's cakes

CHORISTERS proved their baking skills are just as good as their singing abilities.

Ely Cathedral's girl choristers served cream teas in the courtyard of The Canonry – their boarding house beside the cathedral.

They hope to have raised about £450, which will be shared between the Teenage Cancer Trust and the cathedral's girl's choir.

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Stalwarts quit after 96 years

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

TWO long-standing councillors have retired after serving their community for almost 100 years.

Alan White, 79, and Eric Hall, 81, have stood on Little Downham Parish Council for a combined 96 years.

Mr White, a retired agricultural contractor, has hardly missed a meeting during his 56 years of service.

He is believed to have been council chairman for 34 years up until April 2006, when he suffered a minor stroke.

But after being away for only two months, he was soon attending meetings again.

As well as serving on the parish council, he was a district councillor for 28 years, originally for the Isle of Ely Rural Council, which later became East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Mr Hall, a farmer, says a lot has changed in the parish during his 40 years of service on the council.

Long service: Alan White and Eric Hall are standing down.

He said: "There have been great changes in the parish.

"I thought it was time I should finish and let the young ones have a go.

"I really enjoyed most of the time I was on the council and remember, in particular, establishing the village hall, the installation of the all-weather sports area and fighting hard to get gas in the parish."

Among new faces at the parish council is 19-year-old Nathaniel Missin, who is the youngest member ever to be elected in Little Downham.

He volunteered to be the Parish Council Youth Group representative and will talk to the members to see what they want in the parish.

He said: "My friends were surprised that I joined the council, but think it is a really good idea.

"I have been to a couple of meetings and am learning a lot."

Debbie Adams-Payne, council chairman, said: "The parish is very grateful to Alan and Eric for the years of service they have given.

"They have been amazing, always going above and beyond the call of duty and always accessible.

"We are also delighted to welcome Nathaniel to the council, as it's good to have young people involved."

Pupils' sporting chance

HUNDREDS of budding David Beckhams and Anna Kournikovas flaunted their sporting talents at the annual East Cambs Youth Games.

More than 500 primary school children from across the Ely area took part in the sports extravaganza at Littleport Leisure Centre, which was organised by the Witchford School Sports Partnership (WSSP) and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Youngsters were able to compete in a variety of sports, including athletics, tag rugby, mini tennis and dodgeball. There was also a taster village, where children could try their hand at hula-hooping, taekwondo, football and zumba.

The event also involved about 70 youngsters from Witchford, Soham and Ely colleges, who acted as sports leaders on the day.

Diane Baker, partnership development manager of the WSSP, said: "The Youth Games were fantastic.

"It's a wonderful sight to see so many children playing different sports, letting off steam and keeping fit all at the same time.

"That is what this event is all about – promoting sport and encouraging children to unleash their sporting talents."

The games were launched in July 2008.

Taking aim: Oliver Bayliss, 9, chances his arm while below, another youngster enjoys the fun. Pictures: Keith Heppell 750051/750056.

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School in bid to be latest new academy

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

WITCHFORD Village College (WVC) is the latest secondary school to announce it wants to become an academy.

Governors at the specialist sports college have launched a consultation with staff, parents and pupils on the possibility of applying for academy status.

It comes just months after nearby Soham Village College was successful in making a bid to the Department for Education to become an academy.

David Taylor, WVC's principal, said: "The school's governing dody has been considering the merits and implications of converting to academy status for some time now and recently took the decision to consult on the possibility. We are in the process of consulting with students, parents and staff.

"We believe that the chief benefit to the college would be a significant increase in funding, but the change, if made, would also bring the college into line with other local schools.

"Our community programmes, including evening classes and the use of our facilities by community groups, would not be affected by any change."

Academies receive funding directly from central government, rather than via their local authority.

They also have greater control over their finances, the curriculum and teachers' pay and conditions.

New figures published by the Department for Education show that in Cambridgeshire, 23.3 per cent of mainstream schools have become academies.

Many believe gaining academy status is a good way for schools to improve, reaping the benefits of more financial support and having more control.

But union bosses believe the move is "fraught with dangers".

Jon Duveen, secretary of the Cambridgeshire branch of the National Union of Teachers, said: "Democratic control exists at the moment in schools through local authorities but it will be reduced, if not eliminated.

"It is very sad 23 per cent of secondary schools have chosen this. They are wrong. They are going for short-term financial gain at the expense of long-term damage to the educational system.

"The situation is fraught with dangers, it hasn't been thought through, and it is a massive experiment on our kids' education."

To have a say on the proposals, write to The Chair of Governors, c/o Witchford Village College, and mark the envelope with 'Academy Consultation'.

Boards boost for gardens

A PLAY area in Ely is now able to welcome all children – regardless of their disabilities.

Two finger boards have been installed in the children's play park in Jubilee Gardens, as well as a roundabout with special seats.

The equipment has been funded through a grant from the Pathfinder Playground Project.

To help raise funds, the Friends of Jubilee Gardens are also producing notelets to distribute around the city.

The Friends asked students in the City of Ely Community College's arts department to produce a design suitable for the notelet. The winner was 15-year-old Joshua Kent.

On the board: chairman of the Friends of Jubilee Gardens, Patricia Simmonds, and treasurer Liz Wainwright with a finger board in Jubilee Gardens. Picture: Keith Heppell 746556.

Visit the elderly

VOLUNTEERS are needed to provide company to elderly and isolated residents in the Ely area.

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Police hunt thug who robbed man, 63, on his own doorstep

THE doorstep robbery of a 63-year-old man at his home by a masked thug has sparked a manhunt.

Detectives are appealing for witnesses after the man was robbed at his Manea home.

The victim was confronted by a man outside his home in Fallow Corner Drove, at about 4.30pm on Sunday, July 3.

He threatened him before searching the house. The victim ran off and raised the alarm. A bank card was taken.

The robber was white, in his late teens to early 20s, and wore a dark and grey hooded top with white writing. A scarf covered the lower part of his face.

Det Sgt Sean Spencer said: "I would appeal for anyone who saw anyone matching the description in the area at the time to contact police. We are treating this as an isolated incident."

Call Det Sgt Spencer on 0345 456 4564 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Owner puts out fire in truck

A TRUCK caught fire in Ely.

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Bard times that lie ahead

The Cambridge Shakespeare Festival runs until August 27 at various venues. Tickets £15 (conc £11) available from (01223) 357851 or on the door. For booking and more information, see ***www.cambridgeshakespeare.com***

EVERY summer, Cambridge Shakespeare Festival attracts up to 25,000 visitors to enjoy the best of the Bard in an eight-week programme of productions in the grounds of some of the city's most beautiful colleges.

In the words of *The Times*, "there is no knee-bending to trendy revisionism" at the festival, "but rather a tour de force of Elizabethan drama".

"The college venues are stunning and the feel of the whole event is, at times, just magical," says Dr David Crilly, the festival's artistic director. "The fact that the action takes place outdoors, around, through and sometimes 'in' the audience creates a very immediate and dynamic experience for actors and audience alike.

"But the most special thing – though it sounds cheesey to say – is our audience, which has grown and become so loyal over the years. We enjoy some fanatical support and I don't mind mentioning Bill and Bob, the identical twins (now in their 70s) who travel up from Portsmouth to see every show, as they have for the last 10 years. We know at least two couples who have seen every production we've ever done – and in 24 years, that's quite remarkable.

"Audience figures on a nightly basis vary considerably (as does the English weather!), though we can expect to attract between 25,000 and 30,000 people in total this year."

The first half of this year's programme, which started on Monday, consisted of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (St John's), *The Comedy of Errors* (Girton), *The Winter's Tale* (Downing) and *Antony and Cleopatra* (Robinson).

The second half, which opens on August 1, includes *Much Ado About Nothing* (King's), *Romeo and Juliet* (Girton), *All's Well That Ends Well* (Robinson) and *Macbeth* (Trinity).

"I have to confess that I get very smug about the festival because I think it's a really good thing," says David.

"I know I shouldn't say something like that about my own event, but it's how I feel. I get a real buzz when everything is up and running and I can stand behind an audience at one venue who might be rolling in the aisles at the comedy, then I can walk a few hundred yards to another venue and feel the intensity of the atmosphere as the audience absorbs the unfolding tragedy.

"It's really great to walk between these wonderful places on a summer's evening and feel the electricity that the festival brings to the city and think, 'Yeah . . . I did that!'

What would David say to those people who wouldn't normally consider coming to the festival because they think it's going to be boring or high-brow, or found it too complicated at school?

"Well, Shakespeare's plays weren't ever designed to be read, analysed or studied," he says. "They are meant to be experienced, in all their dynamic, colourful, tragic, absurd, moving and hilarious glory.

"One of the most gratifying things about the festival is the number of children who attend and get really turned on to Shake speare."

CLASSIC ROLES: Works performed this summer will include *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Romeo and Juliet*

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Darko theme

SIN Cru will be presenting a summer celebration of drama and dance on Sunday. *They Made Me Do It* features a mysterious jet engine, time travel, parallel universes and is based on the surreal thriller *Donnie Darko*.
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New album is a real family affair for band

IN TUNE: The guitarists of Los Gitanos are due to perform at Ely Cathedral on September 8

A FLAMENCO band made up of three generations of the same family has released a new album.

Traditional gypsy Flamenco band Los Gitanos might be based in Ely but their extraordinary rendition of gypsy music of the Camargue has seen them playing across the continent.

The band is made up of founder member Graham Austin, his son Matthew, who has been performing with his father since 1979, and more recently, Graham's two grandsons, Joshua, 14, and James, 13.

Together, they perform at functions across Europe, as well as closer to home, where one of their most impressive engagements was at a private party held by actress Cate Blanchett after filming in Ely.

Listeners included Geoffrey Rush and Clive Owen.

Graham said: "To have my two grandsons on board now is amazing.

"As far as we aware, we are the only three-generation Flamenco band in the world."

Los Gitanos' new album, *The Generations*, is priced at £10, and is available from the Ely Cathedral shop and Burrows Bookshop and Fenland Music, both in Ely.

They will also be performing in Ely Cathedral on September 8.

For tickets or more information, visit *www.elycathedral.org*.

Capturing Fens spirit

MUSIC, drama, film and photography will be used to capture the spirit of the Fens this weekend.
The Field Theatre Group, based in Littleport, is holding an unusual multimedia show, called *Land Lines*, to explore the lives behind the Fen landscape.
The show is taking place at the Babylon Gallery in Ely on Saturday and Sunday.
A spokeswoman for the Field Theatre Group said: "Exploring the lives behind the landscape, Land Lines is an imaginative exploration of the Fens, incorporating music, drama, film, sound, live action, photography, and songs by well-known folk musician and fenland historian John Crowe.
"We are also delighted to welcome to our cast Billy Baxter. Billy has recently been awarded Eastern Region Adult Learner of the Year since joining the performance arts course at Cambridge Regional College.
"He has already built a large following with his stand-up and storytelling skills, and he never allows his blindness to hold him back from enjoying fresh challenges.
The show starts at 7.30pm on both nights.
Tickets are £6.50, which includes refreshments, and are available from the Babylon Gallery, JH Adams in Littleport, by emailing *thefieldtheatregroup@hotmail.co.uk* or by going to *www.wegottickets.com*.
See *www.fieldtheatregroup.btck.co.uk.*

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Pirates Of The Caribbean – On Stranger Tides 2D (12A): Fri-Sun 10.30am
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 2 - Rodrick Rules (U): Fri-Sun 10.10am
Bad Teacher (15): Fri-Sat 11.40 Wed 11.40
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Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (U): Sat 11am

The Thin Red Line (15): Sun 2.30 Tues 2.30 Wed 6 Thu 2

Just Do It – A Tale Of Modern Day Outlaws (12A):(Plus Q&A With Director Emily James): Mon 6.30

Just Do It – A Tale Of Modern Day Outlaws (12A): Tues 12.15 Wed 1

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Transformers : Dark Of The Moon (12A): Fri-Thu 12.30, 4.15, 7.45
Bridesmaids (15): Fri-Thu 11.45am, 2.45, 5.45, 8.45
Bad Teacher (15): Fri-Thu 7.15, 9.30
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG): Fri-Thu 12.10, 2.40, 4.45
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (U): Sun 10.15am
A Turtle's Tale - Sammy's Adventures (U): Sat 10am
Alpha And Omega (U): Sat 10am
Yogi Bear (U): Sat 10am

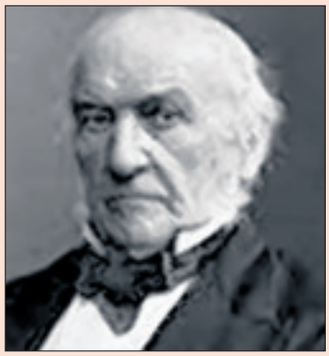
The big film

THE TREE OF LIFE
certificate 12a 138m

IF a film-maker ever warranted the term auteur, meaning an artist of rare imagination who exercises complete control over their creative visions, it's Terrence Malick.
The Illinois-born film-maker has directed just five films, which have all been nominated for or won honours. Threaded with soothing and poetic sequences of the natural world, *The Tree Of Life* is a film of long, haunting silences and apparent inactivity that glimpses fragments of Earth's history. A kaleidoscope of images explores the savagery and fragility of our world, from footage of an erupting volcano to a dinosaur nervously walking in a forest.
For the first time, Malick employs digital effects to imagine the formation of the universe and the appearance of single-celled life forms in the Proterozoic period. A meteor strike sends devastating ripples across the surface of Earth, segueing into a child escaping from a submerged room, a metaphor for the birth of Jack in the 1950s Midwest.
The camera stays close to young Jack (Hunter McCracken) and brothers RL (Laramie Eppler) and Steve (Tye Sheridan) as they suffer at the hands of authoritarian father, Mr O'Brien (Brad Pitt) and naturally gravitate towards the compassionate and giving Mrs O'Brien (Jessica Chastain).
Meanwhile, in the present day, grown-up architect Jack (Sean Penn) feels disconnected from the jungle of cold, metallic skyscrapers that are his home.
The Tree Of Life eschews a conventional narrative to conjure stunning images that linger in the memory.
Pitt chews on and spits out his traditional nice guy image to portray a disciplinarian who practises bitterly tough love, while McCracken, Eppler and Sheridan, newcomers from Texas with no previous acting experience, light up the screen.
"The only way to be happy is to love. Unless you love, your life will flash by," whispers Mrs O'Brien in voiceover.
We're very happy to fall in love with Malick's opus.

NAME GAME: How many four-letter words can you make from this former British prime minister?

Each letter may be used once only in each word. NOT admissible are abbreviations; prefixes; proper names; poetic short forms; plural and verb forms ending in 's'; foreign and dialectal words not in common English use; slang terms; and words that might make Granny blush. This week's pass mark is 91 words: six beginning with A, 12 with D, two with E, 12 with G, 19 with L, five with N, one with O, 25 with S and nine with T.



Gladstone

Answers: loge, lone, long, lose, lost, Neat, nest, node, nose, note. Oast. Sage, sago, sale, salt, sane, sang, sate, seal, seat, send, sent, seta, slag, slat, sled, slog, slot, snag, soda, sold, gone, goat, gold, gone, gnat, goad, goal, gest, glad, glen, Gale, gaol, gate, East, egad. done, dose, dote, doge, dole, doit, deal, dean, dent, Dago, dale, date, also, alto, ante. Aeon, aged, aloe, last, late, lead, lean, lend, lens, lent, lest, load, loan, lode, Tale, tang, teal, tend, toad, toed, toga, told, tone. Lade, land, lane, song, stag, stoa.

Sudoku 14:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

2				8	7		6	1
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	6	9				2	8	
		4	1	6				
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5	7	6			2			
3	8		4	7				9

In last week's Sudoku, the completed grid was printed in error. Apologies for any confusion.

3	7	4	6	9	5	2	8	1
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4	1	5	3	2	6	8	7	9
9	3	6	8	4	7	1	5	2
6	9	2	5	7	1	2	4	8
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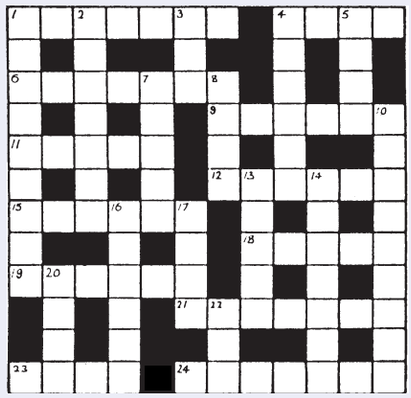
Last week's solution.

Crossword 2225



Across

1. Not an honest sounding musician. (7)
4. Fool must get information. (4)
6. No way to get wealthy with this bird. (7).
9. Stale meat found in Northern town? (6)
11. Intends to find the wherewithal. (5)
12. Mother to inquire for patterned material. (6)
15. Quite a nasty animal approaching the girl. (6)
18. Bill had been placed untidily outside country villa. (5)
19. Suit vital pumps. (6)
21. Scent for each smoke. (7)
23. Many a shilling first goes in hole for money. (4)
24. Weep at last broken bit of glass. (7)

Down

1. Force to proceed to pond-dweller before one month. (9)
2. Take credit away from French dissertation. (7)
3. Met charming holders of shortened version – and the others. (3)
4. I had roughly made a jewelled headband. (6)
5. Wild cat turned up with parent. (4)
7. Is girl's name the important topic? (5)
8. Grasp what the cargo's put in. (4)
10. Come to agreement to create a lot of money. (4, 1, 4)
13. Tree found in typical derelict surroundings. (5)
14. A club to rely on the story. (7)
16. Thrones been destroyed by stinging assailant. (6)
17. Artists gain power from file. (4)
20. Noble to remove top from precious jewel. (4)
22. Go wrong and leave mission performed for someone else. (3)

Solution 2224 – Across: 1.Lark; 7. Canape; 8. Tito; 10. Gen; 11. Windbag; 12. Air; 13. Wined; 17. Prose; 19. Cot; 21. Elastic; 22. Eon; 23. Eton; 25. Sugary; 26. Beat.
Down: 1. Lotto; 2. Rot; 3. Panned; 4. Harbour; 5. Beggars; 6. Gentry; 9. Owen 14. Intense; 15. Embargo; 16. Accent; 17. Peters; 18. Once; 20. Monet; 24. Tee

FOUR Ws

1. WHO wrote *The Human Comedy* series of novels? WHAT is petrol called in America? WHERE is Spandau, a suburb of that city? WHEN was the American Declaration of Independence?

2. WHO created the Secret Seven? WHAT do we call the bird Corvus corax? WHERE in South America is Asuncion the capital? WHEN did Queen Victoria succeed to the throne?

3. WHO directed the multi-Oscar-winning film *Titanic*? WHAT are the two main constituents of the alloy pewter? WHERE is the Ruahine mountain range? WHEN did the Gunpowder Plot take place?

Answers: 1. Balzac; Gasoline; Berlin; 1776. **2.** Enid Blyton; Raven; Paraguay; 1837. **3.** James Cameron; Tin and lead; New Zealand; 1605.

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Care doesn't cost the earth

by Hannah Stephenson

UNLESS you've been living in a hole in the ground for the last few years, you'll know that using peat-based products in your garden is destroying peatlands throughout the UK and beyond.

Peatlands provide vital habitats for wildlife, store greenhouse gases and release thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. However, peat is used in compost and soil improvers because it's light, retains moisture and stores nutrients. It's also very cheap.

In an effort to raise awareness and encourage gardeners to choose peat-free alternatives, leading organic growing charity Garden Organic has launched its I Don't Dig Peat campaign, to put an end the 24m wheelbarrows of peat which its experts estimate is being used unnecessarily by British gardeners each year.

Gardeners' World presenter Alys Fowler, who is fronting the campaign, says: "Whether people think peat is the best option depends on if they've experimented with going peat-free.

"Increasingly, those who go peat-free and get hold of good quality compost find there's no argument. I don't use any peat-based compost and I see no difference. I grow fantastic vegetables.

"If you were trying to grow peat bog plants, there's an argument that growing them in peat is sensible, but the amount of people growing peat bog plants is tiny. What's happening is that a lot of people are using peat – up to 70% peat in some multi-purpose composts – for growing, say, tomatoes. But tomatoes don't need peat to grow."

Fowler uses her council's green waste compost, called 'care compost', sold at her local garden centre, along with peat-free multi-purposes from Carbon Gold, New Horizon and Vital Earth.

"If your council is making green waste, phone their refuse department which should be able to tell you where to buy it. It's incredibly cheap," she suggests.

Historically, peat-free composts have been criticised for being inferior for seed-sowing. A Which? Gardening report from the Consumers' Association magazine noted earlier this year: "Our trial results show that peat-free composts still have a way to go to match the performance of peat for sowing seeds and growing on young plants – although the picture is rosier for container composts."

However, some peat-based composts are just as inferior as their peat-free counterparts, says Ceri Thomas, editor of Which? Gardening.

FOR PEAT'S SAKE: Alys Fowler, of Gardeners' World is leading the campaign to reduce peat usage, above.

"Gardeners shouldn't assume that all compost is the same. Whether peat-free or peat-based, the quality of compost varies massively.

"Our trials found that it is possible to buy a good quality peat-free compost that performs as well as the best peat-based compost. But there are also a number of peat-based and peat-free composts which simply don't match these high standards."

In its latest trial, Which? Gardening recommends New Horizon Organic & Peat Free Growbag for sowing seeds. Germination rates for basil were on a par with its Best Buy peat-based compost and the quality of the resulting seedlings was good.

New Horizon Organic & Peat Free multi-purpose compost (£5.99 for 60 litres) was a Best Buy container compost for the second consecutive year, outperforming seven peat-based composts, including three specific container ones, to come joint top.

Fowler says: "This campaign is saying 'think about it'. There's no need to dig up one part of the world to grow something in your back garden.

"Many people are coming into gardening through the 'grow your own' trend, because of health and environmental reasons. It would be sad to take a step backwards by using composting material which is not sustainable, when actually peat-free is getting better and better."

If you want to go peat-free, avoid buying and using soil improvers as most of these contain peat, Garden Organic advises.

Use products such as manure and leafmould to improve your soil instead.

Start making home compost and buy fewer bedding plants, switching to perennials, meaning you reduce the need to replant each year.

Search online for nurseries or mail order stores selling peat-free plants and support their peat-free initiatives.

Sometimes the good peat-free composts will be slightly pricier, Fowler concedes, but it's a small price to pay for saving the Earth.

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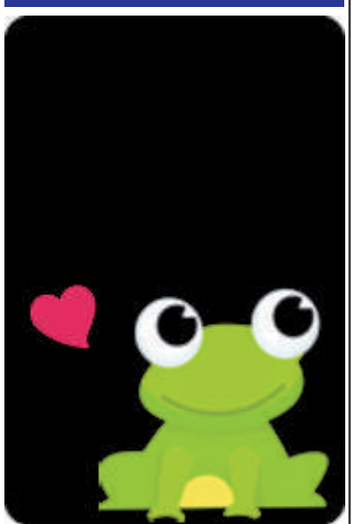

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THE GUIDE | WEEKEND TV

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Live Golf: The Open Championship. The morning's play on day three at the Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich, Kent.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.10 Live Golf: The Open Championship. Further coverage of the third day at Royal St George's Golf Club. Continues on BBC2.
5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.40 Walk on the Wild Side. Comedy wildlife show following a variety of animals, including the Scratching Badgers, the Not-Very-Scary Sharks and a marmot called Alan.
6.10 Total Wipeout. Adventure game show.
7.10 Tonight's the Night. John Barrowman fixes it for more members of the public's dreams to come true.
8.10 The National Lottery: OJ Borg presents the Lotto, Lotto Plus 5 and Thunderball draws.
9.00 Casualty.
9.50 Lee Mack's All Star Cast. Actress and author Joan Collins, comedian Ross Noble and pop band the Wanted guest.
10.30 BBC News; Weather; (C) National Lottery Update.
10.50 John Bishop Live: Elvis Has Left the Building.
12.00 FILM: The Money Pit (1986).

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Wibbly Pig. 6.10 Dip Dap. 6.15 Pinky Dinky Doo. 6.30 Tinga Tinga Tales. 6.45 Octonauts. 7.00 CBBC: 7.00 Deadly 60 (C) Leon. 7.35 Arthur. 8.00 Little Howard's Big Question. 8.25 Prank Patrol Down Under. 8.50 Dennis and Gnasher. 9.00 Trade Your Way to the USA. 9.30 Fee Fi Fo Yum. 10.00 Mission: 2110. 10.30 League of Super Evil. 10.40 Wolverine and the X-Men. 11.00 OOglies. 11.15 Richard Hammond's Blast Lab.
11.40 MOTD Kickabout.
12.00 Antiques Road Trip.
12.45 Antiques Road Trip.
1.30 Great British Railway Journeys.
2.00 FILM: Jack (1996).
3.45 FILM: Evelyn (2002). Drama.
5.15 Live Golf: The Open Championship. Further coverage of day three from Sandwich.
7.00 Flog It!
7.30 Dad's Army.
8.00 The Impressionists – Painting and Revolution. New series. Waldemar Januszczak studies the achievements of painters associated with the art movement, beginning by delving into the work of Pissarro, Monet, Renoir and Bazille.
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.
9.45 Secrets of the Pop Song.
10.45 Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975.
12.15 The Kennedys.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Ten Mile Menu.
9.25 Coronation Street. Omnibus.
11.45 This Morning: Saturday.
12.45 The Planet's Funniest Animals.
1.15 The Planet's Funniest Animals.
1.45 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.55 FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980). Miss Marple mystery, starring Angela Lansbury.
4.00 Anglia News and Weather.
4.15 ITV News and Weather.
4.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001). Fantasy adventure, adapted from the first of JK Rowling's books, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Robbie Coltrane, Alan Rickman and Richard Harris.
7.15 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 – Behind the Magic.
8.15 Odd One In.
9.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. French illusionists Cubic Act, who use a magical box on stage, card expert Michael Vincent, Victorian magicians Morgan & West and award-winning performer Nick Einhorn try to outwit the double act.
10.00 The Marriage Ref. With Comedians Jack Dee and Jimmy Carr and Coronation Street star Katherine Kelly (Becky McDonald).
11.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.15 FILM: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (1998).

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Film Show.
7.00 FIM Superbike World Championship.
7.30 British GT Championship.
7.55 The Morning Line.
8.55 T4: Friends.
9.25 T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. 10.00 Smallville. 10.55 Friends. 11.30 Pop Up Pop Quiz. 12.20 Dirty Sexy Things. Four models head to Paris.
1.20 The TV Book Club. A review of Jennifer Egan's A Visit from the Goon Squad.
1.50 Channel 4 Presents – Stephen Miller 2012. A profile of the Paralympic triple gold medallist.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Market Rasen.
4.00 Channel 4 Presents – David Smith 2012.
4.05 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. A car-boot sale fanatic kicks off the competition in Norwich. Also 4.35, 5.05 and 5.40.
6.10 Channel 4 News.
6.40 4thought.tv.
6.45 FILM: Marley and Me (2008). Comedy drama starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.
9.00 Camelot. Adventure, with Eva Green and Jamie Campbell Bower.
10.00 FILM: The Others (2001). Supernatural horror, with Nicole Kidman and Fionnula Flanagan.
12.05 FILM: The Dreamers (2003).

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 Elmo's World. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 The Save-Ums! 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. 7.40 Hana's Helpline. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.25 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 8.40 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Olivia. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 The Milkshake! Show. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.20 How Do They Do It? 10.50 Police Interceptors. 11.50 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers.
12.50 Rosamunde Pilcher's Winter.
2.40 FILM: Shoot-Out at Medicine Bend (1957).
4.30 FILM: El Dorado (1966). Western, starring John Wayne and Robert Mitchum.
7.00 5 News Weekend.
7.05 NCIS. The wives of two Marines are murdered.
8.00 Law & Order. Starring Dennis Farina.
8.55 CSI: NY. A software executive is poisoned by someone with access to his fridge .
9.50 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
10.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Ray and Nick investigate the death of a vampire role-player.
11.45 Inside Hollywood.

The Apprentice: The Final
BBC1, Sunday, 9pm.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 – Behind the Magic
ITV1, Saturday, 7.15pm.

Australia
Channel 4, Sunday, 8pm.

Lost In Space
five, Sunday, 6.30pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live.
11.00 Country Tracks. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.00 BBC News.
12.05 Escape to the Country.
12.35 Live Golf: The Open Championship. Coverage of the fourth and final day of the 140th staging of the event, held at Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich, Kent. Louis Oosthuizen won his maiden Major in this tournament at St Andrews last year, with his one under-par final round of 71 proving enough for him to finish seven strokes clear of Lee Westwood. Meanwhile, recent US Open winner Rory McIlroy recovered well from his disastrous second day to finish in a share of third place alongside Henrik Stenson and Paul Casey.
7.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.15 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce introduces more items from the show's visits to Hutton-in-the-Forest in Cumbria, Chatsworth in Derbyshire and the British Museum in London.
8.00 Countryfile. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 The Apprentice: The Final.
11.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
11.25 Rory – Major Breakthrough.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Wibbly Pig. 6.10 Dip Dap. 6.15 Pinky Dinky Doo. 6.30 Tinga Tinga Tales. Octonauts. 7.00 CBBC: Deadly 60. 7.30 Junior MasterChef. 8.00 Me and My Monsters. 8.25 Friday Download. 9.30 Something for the Weekend.
11.00 Live Golf: The Open Championship. The final round at the Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich, Kent.
12.35 Live MotoGP. The German Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm).
2.05 EastEnders. Omnibus.
4.00 Great British Railway Journeys.
4.30 Flog It! Travels Around Britain. (
4.45 Songs of Praise. Aled Jones travels by boat along the Thames.
5.20 FILM: Creation (2009). Premiere. Biopic of Charles Darwin.
7.00 Murray Walker: Life in the Fast Lane.
8.00 Top Gear. Rowan Atkinson takes the wheel of the Reasonably Priced Car, Jeremy Clarkson compares the Jaguar XKR-S with the Nissan GT-R, and the presenters build a train – using caravans.
9.00 Coast. The team explores Sweden. Last in the series.
10.00 Julia Bradbury's Iceland Walk. The crater at the centre of the Eyjafjallajokull glacier. Previously shown on BBC4.
11.00 Mock the Week.
11.35 FILM: A Cock and Bull Story (2006). Comedy.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. Pre-school fun. 7.25 CITV. Animated fun.
8.25 May the Best House Win.
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal.
10.25 60 Minute Makeover.
11.30 This Morning: Sunday.
12.30 Dinner Date.
1.25 ITV News and Weather
1.35 Survival: Tales from the Wild. Footage of a pride of lions shows the males fleeing at the first sign of trouble.
2.30 Inspector Morse. The detective is led into the world of teenage raves.
4.30 Midsomer Murders.
6.30 Anglia News and Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 The Royal.
8.00 Born to Shine. New series. Natasha Kaplinsky hosts an entertainment show in which celebrities, mentored by talented children, learn new skills in a bid to impress viewers and a panel of judges, headed by Denise Van Outen and Jason Gardiner.
9.00 Law & Order: UK. When a toddler goes missing from a high-street merry-go-round, his distraught mother reports him kidnapped. Crime drama, starring Bradley Walsh.
10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.15 FILM: Full Metal Jacket (1987) Vietnam War drama, with Matthew Modine and Adam Baldwin.
12.25 The Zone.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Treacle People. 6.25 The Hoobs. 6.50 The Grid. 7.20 Canary Wharf Triathlon. 7.45 IPC Swimming European Championships.
8.40 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.10 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 – T4 Premiere Special. 11.40 T4 on the Beach Sessions. 12.40 The Simpsons. 1.15 The Simpsons. 1.45 Channel 4 Presents – Danielle Brown 2012. A profile of the Paralympic archer.
1.50 Coach Trip. Fourteen tourists set off from Milan on a European tour.
2.20 Coach Trip. The tourists visit the Italian Alps.
2.50 Coach Trip. The travellers arrive in Zermatt, Switzerland.
3.20 Coach Trip.
3.50 Coach Trip. The tourists go to Lake Geneva.
4.20 Deal or No Deal.
5.20 Help! My House Is Falling Down.
6.20 Channel 4 News.
6.50 4thought.tv.
6.55 The Political Slot.
7.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.
8.00 FILM: Australia (2008). Premiere. An aristocratic Englishwoman inherits a vast cattle station in Australia in the 1930s. Epic romantic drama, starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.
11.10 FILM: Charlotte Gray (2001).

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 Elmo's World. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 The Save- Ums! 7.25 Noddy in Toyland. 7.35 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.40 Hana's Helpline. 7.55 Mio Mao. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky; (R) (T) Milkshake! Monkey. 8.30 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 8.40 Rupert Bear. 8.55 Olivia. 9.10 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 The Milkshake! Show.
10.00 Mexican Food Made Simple.
10.30 New Cowboy Builders.
11.30 The Restaurant Inspector.
12.30 Rosamunde Pilcher's Spring.
2.20 FILM: Captain Ron (1992).
4.15 FILM: Finding Nemo (2003).
6.25 5 News Weekend.
6.30 FILM: Lost in Space (1998). Sci-fi adventure based on the 1960s TV show.
9.00 FILM: In the Line of Fire (1993). An ageing secret service agent, tormented by his failure to save the life of John F Kennedy in 1963, is drawn into a battle of wits with a sinister CIA-trained assassin.
11.40 FILM: Storm Catcher (1999). Conspirators plotting to bomb Washington, DC, kidnap a pilot's daughter. Action thriller, starring Dolph Lundgren.

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Pretty cottage to let

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Delightful village cottage

THIS delightful cottage is located in Main Street, Little Downham, close to local amenities and offering views of the village church.

The well-presented accommodation includes a kitchen/breakfast room, living room, bathroom and two good-size bedrooms.

The property also comes with a rear garden.

It is available to rent immediately, unfurnished, for £550 per calendar month. No application or legal fees.

It would ideally suit a professional couple, single or small family.

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- £550 per calendar month
- Delightful cottage
- Two bedrooms
- Garden
- Available now, unfurnished

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Semi with no upward chain

SITUATED in Townsend, Soham, this attractive double-fronted property has the benefit of no upward chain.

It is in need of some updating, and provides an entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, garden room, three bedrooms and a bathroom. There are gardens to the front and rear plus a driveway for parking.

Offers in the region of £129,950 are invited for this semi-detached property.

Contact Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

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Semi-detached with fine garden

ON the market for £154,950, this semi-detached home is in Brewhouse Lane, Soham – a popular residential area.

The accommodation consists of a kitchen, dining room, living room, three smart bedrooms and a family bathroom.

A delightful garden can be found to the rear, which is laid to lawn with a lovely decked area and storage shed. Driveway parking is also provided.

For further details contact Peter Michael Estate Agents on (01353) 725400.

Four-bedroom house in centre of village

THIS detached family home in Top Street, Stretham, is on the market for £275,000. Occupying a central village location, it offers an entrance hall, cloakroom, large kitchen/breakfast room, garden room, pantry, living and dining room, while four bedrooms, a bathroom and en suite occupy the top floor.

A garage and parking is also provided, and there is a large garden to the rear.For more information or to view this property, get in touch with David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

Beautiful family home with countryside views and lots of room

THIS beautiful home is located in Soham Road, Stuntney, offering countryside views and its own generous garden.

It is on the market for £194,950 and comprises an entrance hall, large living room with oak floorboards and an open fireplace, a kitchen, cloakroom, three first-floor bedrooms and a bathroom.

There is a large driveway to the front, providing ample parking for up to five cars, and a large lawned garden to the rear, surrounded by mature trees. Call haart of Ely for further details on (01353) 664112.

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Spacious well-presented home

ATTRACTIVE and spacious accommodation is on offer at this fine family home in Prickwillow Road, Ely.

The property is immaculately presented throughout and provides an entrance hall, two cloakrooms, a kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, living room, family/dining room, three bedrooms (with an en suite to the master) plus a further family bathroom.

The property offers views towards Ely Cathedral and also comes with attractive gardens and secure parking.

This lovely home is on the market for £375,000. Get in touch with Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

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NEW

Ely **£279,950**

An immaculately presented, spacious 1930's detached home within walking distance of Ely Centre. Hall, cloakroom, lounge opening into dining room, sun room/office, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 3 double bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, gardens, gravelled driveway & garage. Many character features.

NEW

Ely **£315,000**

An extended detached property offering superb accommodation in the edge of the development. Hall, cloakroom, study, lounge, dining room, refitted contemporary kitchen, utility, superb family room overlooking garden, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite & bathroom, extensive driveway, double garage and attractive gardens.

NEW

Stuntney **£425,000**

An extended detached home in a superb plot of 0.5 of an acre. Hall, cloakroom, 20' x 15' lounge, dining room, study, refitted kitchen/breakfast room and utility, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), refitted bathroom, driveway, double garage, superb gardens with formal lawned areas, wildlife gardens, pond, detached office/studio.

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Witchford **£299,950**
A much improved and extended detached family home offering versatile accommodation which includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/family room, lounge, dining room, utility, 5 bedrooms , bedroom 6 /study, 2 en-suites, family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£194,950**
A spacious 2/3 bedroom bungalow in a highly regarded location with hall, lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 3, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, garage. No upward chain

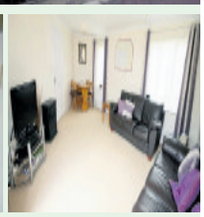
Sutton **£189,950**
Established detached home situated on the edge of a development with entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, double garage (currently used as a work room) and larger than avera

NEW

Ely **£375,000**
Situated in a central City location this immaculately presented detached family home has been extensively modernised and improved throughout by the current occupiers. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, family/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, off road parking & gardens.

Ely **£175,000**
A two bedroom central city home situated in a small Mews style development well located for access to many city amenities.

Soham **£145,000**
A well presented modern two bedroom home. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking.



Sutton **£160,000**
An extremely well presented modern home with entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, single garage, parking and garden.

Witchford **£250,000**
An extended detached bungalow on a no through road. Hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3/4 bedrooms, garden room, utility, office/bedroom 4, bathroom, garden, driveway and garage.

Witchford **£183,500**
A well presented three bedroom semi-detached house situated on a highly regarded residential development. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage and parking.

Ely **£175,000**
An established semi-detached property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge opening into dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, two parking spaces. Gas central heating. No upward chain.

Littleport **£122,500**
A modern semi-detached home comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/dining room, two bedrooms and bathroom together with enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage. The property has the benefit of gas central heating and UPVC double glazing and is an ideal first time purchase.

NEW PRICE

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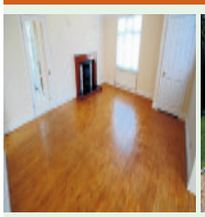

Littleport **£215,000**
A spacious detached bungalow offering versatile accommodation comprising entrance hall, spacious lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C., driveway, good size gardens and additional parking space. No upward chain.

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NEW

Ely **£265,000**
A modern detached family home comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room (master bedroom with ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking and enclosed garden.

Little Downham **£249,950**
A spacious individual detached property in a quiet non estate location with hall, cloakroom, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 2 receptions, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens.

NEW

Soham **£175,000**
A modern end terrace property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, enclosed rear garden and parking.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£142,500**
A modern 2 bedroom house situated on a highly regarded residential development. The property has full gas central heating, a single garage and established garden.

NEW

Sutton **£279,950**
An established detached home in a non estate location. Entrance lobby, hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, lounge, dining room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, garage, driveway & gardens.

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Coveney **£415,000**
A spacious detached proeprty with superb gardens of approx 1.2 acres (sts). Includes cloakroom, 3 receptions, landing/sitting area, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), driveway, mature gardens and stabling.

NEW

Little Thetford **£189,950**
A well presented detached house with accommodation including entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, single garage, driveway and gardens.

Littleport **£125,000**
Immaculately presented modern property with hall, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 2 bedrooms and refitted bathroom. There are immaculately maintained gardens, a driveway and garage. Short onward chain.

Haddenham **£142,995**
A modern chalet style home with versatile accommodation which includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, bedroom 3/study, 2 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, driveway and gardens.

NEW

Ely **£275,000**
A modern link detached home. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, separate dining room, 5 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, car port, tandem length garage & enclosed garden. No upward chain.

NEW

Ely **£164,950**
An older style semi-detached home in an established city location. Entrance hallway, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, rear store and W.C., 3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, established gardens.

NEW SHARED OWNERSHIP

Ely **£69,500**
A spacious terraced home offered on a 50% shared ownership basis. Hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden & allocated parking. No upward chain

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NEW PRICE

Little Thetford **Offers Over £189,950**

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NEW

Sutton **£279,950**

A substantial detached home. Hall, cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility, landing with balcony, 4 double bedrooms, 2 ensuites (1 refitted), ff study, bathroom, gardens, driveway, double garage.

NEW

Ely **£229,950**

An immaculately presented modern detached home. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, separate dining room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, well maintained gardens, parking and garage

NEW PRICE

Haddenham **£169,950**

A detached bungalow with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite) and bathroom, together with a single garage, driveway and gardens.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£162,950**

A modern three bedroom home situated on a highly regarded residential location with garage & garden. Available immediately with no upward chain.

NEW

Ely **£160,000**

A detached bungalow in need of major renovation or potential redevelopment on a corner plot within the City. Hall, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, driveway, garage.

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ALLEN ROAD, ELY
£1,250 pcm

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WISBECH ROAD, WELNEY
£1,250 pcm

Spacious detached farmhouse in a rural setting. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, living room, family room, dining room, conservatory, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, office, shower room, five bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes), ensuite shower room to the master bedroom, fitted bathroom and snooker room. Oil fired heating, triple garage, extensive gardens and driveway.

BUTTS LANE, WICKEN
£825 pcm

Detached family house. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, living room with electric fire, kitchen/dining room with French doors to garden, utility room with access to rear garden, three double bedrooms (with ensuite shower room to master bedroom), further single bedroom and a fitted bathroom with shower over the bath. The property has oil central heating, double glazing, garden to rear, single garage and driveway. No smokers or pets. Available Early August

MILL CORNER, SOHAM
£795 pcm

Double fronted detached house, which has been completely renovated throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, living room, fitted kitchen/dining room with oven and hob, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, second double bedroom, a further single bedroom and a fitted bathroom with shower over the bath. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and off road parking. No smokers or pets.

KINGFISHER DRIVE, SOHAM
£750 pcm

Modern terraced townhouse. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, study and kitchen/family room with French doors to garden and to include oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, washing machine. To the first floor is the lounge with Juliette balcony and the master bedroom with ensuite shower room. To the second floor is bedroom two, bedroom three and a fitted family bathroom. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, garden and garage.

BROOKE GROVE, ELY
£695 pcm

Modern Three bedroom terraced property with ensuite to master, gas central heating, enclosed garden and driveway. Available Now

WELLINGTON STREET, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm

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KINGS AVENUE, ELY
£575 pcm

Modern two bedroom first floor flat on this popular development with electric heating and allocated parking. Available mid August.

DAIRY DROVE, LITTLEPORT
£575 pcm

Three bedroom semi detached house in a rural location with oil heating, double glazing, garden and driveway. Available now.

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£550 pcm

Recently constructed terraced two bedroom house with gas central heating, double glazing, rear garden and allocated parking. Available now.

BUTCHERS ROW, ELY
£550 pcm

Brand new first floor flat with one double bedroom ideally located in the heart of the City and within walking distance of the riverside and rail station. The property has gas central heating. No smokers or pets.

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£495 pcm

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£495 pcm

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£450 pcm

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A three bedroom detached property offering three bedrooms, en-suite to master, kitchen / dining room, rear garden and 17' 7" x 13' garage.

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WILBURTON NEW! £190,000

An ideal start home offering two bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for two vehicles.

SOHAM NEW! £119,950

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5 Rye Close Littleport Cambs CB6 1GH. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £129,950 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place.

This 4 bed detached house is offered for sale chain free! The property benefits from south facing garden as well as garage, study, utility room, dining room & sitting room. OPEN HOUSE 23RD JULY 12PM - 2PM

HADDENHAM REDUCED OIEO £275,000

The property is a well maintained 2 bed detached bungalow with conservatory, single garage and driveway. Internal viewing is recommended. OPEN DAY SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2PM -4PM

SOHAM OIEO £160,000

CHAIN FREE. This two bedroom park home is offered for sale with garage, parking, gardens and lounge/diner. The property is situated within the popular Bedwell Park location in Witchford.

WITCHFORD REDUCED £80,000

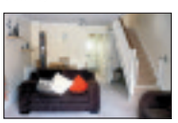
A modern bungalow set within approx 2 Acres (sts), including stables & paddocks. Beautifully presented with oak doors, woodwork & flooring, under heating fuelled by oil, vaulted ceilings and superb finish throughout.

LITTLE DOWNHAM REDUCED £380,000

A modern two bedroom apartment located within the popular village of Soham. No upper chain. Great for first home.

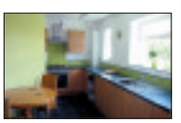
SOHAM REDUCED £89,950

A 2 bedrooms modern home ideal for a first time buy, benefiting from 2 en-suites, garage and parking for 2 vehicles. Over looking fields at front and offered with buyers incentive (ask agent for details).



SOHAM REDUCED £138,000

This three bedroom semi detached property has been updated throughout by the current vendor (ask agent for details). Modern and spacious with enclosed rear garden and dropped curb to access front.



LITTLEPORT REDUCED £125,000

Previously a show property, including five bedrooms two en-suites, study, double garage with eletric doors. Located conveniently for primary school and amenities. Veiwing highly recommended.

ELY REDUCED £360,000

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LITTLE DOWNHAM
£110,000

This one/two bedroom semi detached bungalow is in need of updating and is situated in a cul de sac location in the sought after village of Little Downham. Accommodation comprises:- Entrance Porch, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Family Bathroom and large conservatory. The property benefits from uPVC double glazing, Gas radiator central heating, front and rear gardens, detached garage and workshop. NO CHAIN!

LITTLEPORT
O/A £175,000

A spacious detached house in need of updating situated at the end of a private road in a cul de sac location covenient for the village amenities. The property comprises: recessed porch, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/dining area, rear utility area with WC off, spacious landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, partial electric heating, sealed unit double glazed replacement windows. The property also benefits from front, side and rear garden areas, driveway and garage.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £195,000

Extended three bedroom family home in a quiet sought after cul de sac location. The spacious accommodation includes a modern fitted kitchen, dining room with vaulted ceiling, master bedroom with en suite and juliette balcony to bedroom two. Upvc d/glazing, Gas CH, garage and gardens.

LITTLEPORT
£169,950

Spacious detached house in need of updating situated about 1/2 mile from the village centre. Accommodation includes:- Open plan lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gas fired ch, double glazing, garage and car port. NO CHAIN!

LITTLEPORT
O/A £150,000

Extended family home providing spacious accomodation designed for disabled access. Accommodation includes kitchen/diner, bedroom four with wet room, on the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from gas CH,upvc dbl glazing, garage and gardens.

HADDENHAM

A substantial modern Farmhouse situated on the edge of a popular village approximately 7 miles South - West of Ely. Extensive range of modern farm buildings extending to approximately 1792 sq m, attractive permanent pasture meadows. In all 24.81 hectares (61.30 acres). For sale by private treaty as a whole or in three lots. Lot 1 - £745,000. Lot 2 - £35,000. Lot 3 - £205,000.

LITTLEPORT
£185,000

Situated on a popular modern development this spacious family home offers verrsatile accommodation including:- kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, four bedrooms (two with En Suite) and family bathroom. The property benefits from dbl glazing, gas CH, garage and gardens.

HADDENHAM
O/A £485,000

An appealing individual detached residence with spacious, charming accommodation which was built to the present owners design and high specification in 1998. It stands on a good size plot in a residential location in this much sought after village. Entrance porch, reception hall, cloakroom, study, lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, guest bedroom with en suite shower room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, oil fired central heating, double glazing, burglar alarm, driveway and double garage. Large well kept garden.

LITTLE DOWNHAM
O/A £400,000

An extremely spacious individual detached single storey dwelling situated in a convenient village lane. Spacious reception hall, living room, conservatory, large dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, five bedrooms, En Suite to Master, family bathroom, central heating, Upvc double glazing, extensive parking, useful outbuildings and large garage/workshop. Attractive good sized gardens with large feature pond.

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Littleport

Two bedroom detached bungalow with sitting room, sun room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom and garage.

O.I.E.O. £130,000

Littleport

Extended family home comprising sitting room, dining room, kitchen, shower room and three bedrooms. Driveway and garage.

Offers Over £140,000

Ely

A five bedroom former show home comprising sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study, cloakroom, double garage.

Offers Over £360,000

Witchford

Much improved semi retired/retired Park Home comprising sitting room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom, parking.

O.I.R.O £100,000

Ely

Detached home with two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, study, five bedrooms, en-suite shower room, dressing room, garage.

£250,000

Sutton

Spacious family home offering sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, WC, four double bedrooms ensuite and bathroom.

O.I.E.O £250,000

Prickwillow

SOLD - Formally the village school with sitting/dining room, games room, seven bedrooms, six bathrooms.

Offers Over £375,000

Sutton

New detached home offering sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom. Gardens, garage, parking.

£235,000

Witchford

A three bedroom detached house, with single garage and garden, sitting/dining room, kitchen, utility, wc and bathroom.

Offers Over £190,000

Littleport

Detached home situated on a generous plot with cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen breakfast room, utility room, sun room, three double bedrooms.

Offers Over £250,000

Welney

Modern four bedroom detached home in rural setting with sitting room, conservatory, wetroom, kitchen/breakfast room,

Offers Over £300,000

Chatteris

Four bedroom family home with accommodation set over three floors. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, ensuite, gardens and parking.

Offers Over £160,000

Sutton

Much improved semi detached house, three bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room.

O.I.E.O. £160,000

Sutton

Semi-detached home comprising entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, en-suite, parking and garage.

Offers Over £160,000

Ely

Three bedroom family home offering entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, bathroom. Gardens, workshop and parking.

£240,000

Littleport

Over three floors, sitting room, kitchen/diner, utility, downstairs cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, three further double bedrooms.

O.I.E.O. £170,000

Ely

Terraced property offering entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking.

Offers Over £190,000

Ely

Mid-terrace Victorian property offering entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, courtyard garden.

Offers Over £190,000

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Go For It £139,995

CHAIN FREE NEW PRICE

This middle terrace home offers a lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, two double bedrooms, generous enclosed rear garden and off road parking for two cars. The property is also offered for sale with no upward chain.

AVOID DISAPOINTMENT Ref: 7143

Guide Price £118,000 - £122,500

NEW INSTRUCTION

Wealth of period features, end of terrace offering a larger than usual kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, modern bathroom and two bedrooms, features an open fire and generous garden!

NOT TO BE MISSED Ref: 7201

Prickwillow £185,000

PRIME NEW PRICE

If you like living in the country then this bungalow will be right for you! Having been improved by the current owners it offers a lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, generous rear garden, garage and parking for 4 cars.

CALL IMMEDIATELY Ref: 7144

Desirable Location £219,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

This detached house is situated in the City Of Ely, the property is ideally located within walking distance of the St Johns School.

The property offers a lounge, dining room, kitchen and cloakroom on the ground floor with three bedrooms, two double, en-suite to master bedroom and family bathroom on the top floor. The garden is south facing and benefits from sunshine all afternoon and the driveway provides parking for 2 cars with access to a single garage with electric rolling door.

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- South Facing Garden

CALL HAART OF ELY ON 01353 664112 Ref: 7116

End Of Terrace £125,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

Fantastic end of terrace property offers a lounge, dining area, newly fitted kitchen complete with fitted appliances, two bedrooms, newly fitted bathroom, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking.

RING TO BOOK Ref: 7193

Suits A Large Family! £474,950

Large family home offering a lounge, dining room and seven bedrooms with en-suite to the master bedroom & family bathroom. Also offering exstensive gardens to the rear and parking for 6/8 cars.

PICK UP THE PHONE Ref: 7204

Penthouse £112,500

CHAIN FREE NEW PRICE

Exceptionally well presented penthouse apartment situated in a small block, benefits include lovely views across open fields, loft space and allocated parking.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 7048

No Chain £129,950

CHAIN FREE NEW INSTRUCTION

Semi detached house situated in the village of Littleport, ideally located for a family within walking distance of the local school. The property requires cosmetic updating and is situated on a generous plot.

DIAL NOW Ref: 7192

Large Plot OIEO £400,000

PRIME

Generous detached house situated on a plot of approx 1/3 acre (sts). The accommodation offers four double bedrooms with en-suite to master, lounge, dining room, study, utility, double garage and parking.

Ref: 6976

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Ely — OIEO £150,000

Great investment or first buy a middle terrace home situated in the centre of Ely. The property has been modernised throughout and offers a kitchen & bathroom, spacious lounge/diner and enclosed rear garden.

RING TO BOOK Ref: 7150

Guide Price £160,000 - £169,950

Enjoying open views over the common, this detached home offers a modern & extended kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory that backs onto a private garden and three bedrooms with en-suite to master.

VIEWING IS A MUST Ref: 7052

Guide Price £190,000 - £200,000

This three bedroom spacious and well presented detached home is well located for commuting between Ely & Cambridge. Boasting fitted kitchen & bathroom, off road parking and a genrous rear garden

CALL NOW Ref: 7056

Welcome Home — £269,000

Detached house situated in the pleasant village of Witcham, located on the A142 between Sutton and Ely.

The accommodation is spacious throughout and benefits from a period Aga in the kitchen/diner, a separate dining room/sun room that overlooks the extensive gardens, there is also a large family room/lounge, with office on the ground floor. The first floor benefits from a master bedroom with en-suite and three further good sized bedrooms with family bathroom. Viewing is advised to appreciate the accommodation on offer!

- Workshop/Garage
- Extensive Gardens
- Lounge/Family Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Office

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Guide Price £300,000 - £350,000

Former shop located in Fordham. Offering extensive gardens, generous rooms sizes including a 30ft lounge & 23ft kitchen, parking for 3 cars, tandem length garage and potential for outside office.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6690

Partial Project! — £180,000

Dating back to circa 1800 is this unique detached bungalow, offering original period features. The property has been extended to include a new kitchen/breakfast room, utility and three bedrooms.

AVOID DISAPOINTMENT Ref: 7033

Unique Three Storey — £174,950

Middle terrace, three storey home, the property benefits from a lounge/diner backing onto the private garden, kitchen/breakfast room with space for a small table, three bedrooms, single garage and parking.

NOT TO BE MISSED Ref: 6473

2% Stamp Duty Paid — £269,950

The property is approximately 4 years old and is unique in style. Offering a lounge, dining room, kitchen, study/playroom, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom.

CALL IMMEDIATELY Ref: 7162

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Guide Price £289,950

A well proportioned four bedroom detached residence in a sought after end of cul de sac situation approximately one mile from the centre of Ely. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen, Utility Room, En-Suite Dressing Room & Shower Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Driveway, Double Garage, Planning Consent for Single Storey Extension.

MEPAL O/A £210,000

A modern detached 3 bedroom bungalow with a garage, which is tucked away at the end of a cul de sac, on a good size corner plot in this popular village location.

LITTLE THETFORD O/A £129,950

A modern two bedroom semi detached house with driveway parking and enclosed rear garden situated in this sought after village.

LITTLEPORT

A modern, well proportioned two bedroom end of terrace house with the benefit of No Upward Chain situated in a popular residential location. Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Living Room, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front Garden, Driveway Parking for several vehicles, Enclosed Rear Garden

O/A £112,000

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £185,000

An exceptionally spacious non estate three bedroom semi detached house well situated opposite pasture land in this pleasant village lane.

HADDENHAM Guide Price £170,000

An immaculate spacious highly individual 2 bedroom character property with garden and double garage which forms part of an imposing Victorian building, formally the village school.

SOHAM

A modern, attractive, double fronted four bedroom detached family home situated in a popular residential development. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Study Area, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, En-Suite Shower Room to Master, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage and Driveway Parking

O/A £229,950

LITTLE DOWNHAM
O/A £209,950

A spacious, three bedroom link-detached property which lies in an attractive cul de sac situation backing on to allotments. Entrance Hall, Ground Floor WC, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage/Utility Room, Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking NO UPWARD CHAIN

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A superbly presented, spacious end of terrace three storey townhouse which forms part of a sought after development of properties a little over a mile from the City Centre. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Rear Garden, Driveway and Garage

O/A £205,000

NEW PRICE

SUTTON O/A £164,950

A well presented, modern, end of terrace three bedroom house which lies in an appealing courtyard mews style development within this popular village location.

SUTTON O/A £169,950

An immaculate, spacious modern semi detached house which lies in one of the desirable locations in this popular well served village.

WITCHFORD - offers invited
O/A £350,000

An outstanding individually designed detached residence tucked away on a good size plot in this highly regarded village location. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Stunning 32' x 17'5" Kitchen/Dining/Living Room, Cloakroom, Four Bedrooms, Two En-Suites, Large Family Bathroom, Front Garden with Driveway Parking, Approx. 70' Rear Garden.

NEW

SOHAM

An opportunity to purchase an attractive, mature, double fronted three bedroom semi detached house in need of updating in this popular location. No Upward Chain. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Outer Lobby, Garden Room, Shower Room, Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking for Several Vehicles.

O/A £129,950

SOHAM £169,950

A modern well appointed three bedroom detached house situated on the edge of Qua Fen Common. Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Kitchen/Dining Room, Living Room, Conservatory,En-Suite, Reserved Parking.

SOHAM Offers Around £110,000

A modern, well designed, spacious ground floor two bedroom maisonette which forms part of a select development in this popular well served location.

ELY O/A £147,000

A well appointed detached coach house two bedroom apartment with the rare benefit of a 40' rear garden tucked away off the drive in this popular modern development.

BLACKHORSE DROVE LITTLEPORT
O/A £154,950

A charming imaculate renovated 3 bedroom semi detached cottage in a wonderful rural situation with far raching views over open farmland.

NEW

WICKEN

A highly individual detached residence tucked away in a wonderful position backing onto farm land on a total plot approaching one third of an acre. Reception Hall, Dual Aspect Drawing Room, Dining Room, Two Cloakrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Bathroom, Shower Room, Double Garage, Landscaped Gardens, Driveway Parking.

O/A £442,000

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NEW

ELY

A brand new two bedroom house which is offered with gas central heating, fitted kitchen appliances and an allocated parking space and located approximately 1.5 miles from Ely City Centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Open Plan Living Room/Kitchen, Landing, Bathroom, Double Glazing

£575 pcm

NEW

ELY

A stunning two bedroom apartment which forms part of a converted Victorian townhouse just a short walk from the station with a wonderful rear outlook to Ely Cathedral and private off-street parking. Hall, Open Plan Fitted Kitchen/Living Room, Large Shower Room, Reserved Parking Space

£650 pcm

SIMILAR REQUIRED

LET

ELY

A two bedroom mid terraced house with double glazing, gas central heating and enclosed rear garden and off street parking. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room Overlooking Garden, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Garden, Off Street Parking

£625 pcm

SIMILAR REQUIRED

PRICKWILLOW

An individual older style detached two bedroom bungalow situated within this small village around 4 miles from Ely. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Bathroom, Outside Attached Garden Room, Gardens To Three Sides, Large Driveway, Calor Gas Central Heating

£575 pcm

Available beginning of August - Unfurnished

SIMILAR REQUIRED

LET

HADDENHAM

A spacious four bedroom detached house located in this small select cul de sac with views to the rear, convenient for the village amenities. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Two En-Suites, Family Bathroom

£1,250 pcm

SIMILAR REQUIRED

SOHAM

A modern, well designed spacious ground floor two bedroom maisonette which forms part of a select development in this popular well served location. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Spacious Kitchen/Dining Room, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating to Radiators, Double Glazing, Two parking Spaces

£595 pcm

SOHAM

A newly refurbished ground floor flat located on the high street and benefits from two parking spaces. Spacious Living Room, Newly Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedroom, Newly Fitted Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Two Parking Spaces

£550 pcm

Available immediately - unfurnished

LITTLEPORT

A modern three bedroom semi detached house with garage and off street parking in an appealing cul de sac situation less than half a mile from a well served centre and less than a mile from the Railway Station.

£595 pcm

Available beginning October - unfurnished

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WILBURTON £389,950

NEW

- Substantial detached home
- Quiet cul de sac location
- 5 bedrooms 2 with en-suite
- Bespoke Maple fitted kitchen
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Attractive rear garden
- Viewing essential

LT DOWNHAM £184,995

NEW

- Older style village house
- 3 double bedrooms
- Attractive bathroom
- Lounge and dining room
- 'Full Gloss' fitted kitchen
- Study
- Garage/workshop/ studio/utility
- Carport and garage

LITTLEPORT £67,500

NEW PRICE

- Purpose built 2nd floor apartment
- Centrally located
- 1 double bedroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- No onward chain

HADDENHAM £140,000

NEW

- Semi detached bungalow
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- 2 bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen & Conservatory
- Some updating required
- Good size plot
- No onward chain

HADDENHAM £119,950

NEW

- Modern terraced home
- 2 bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Good size lounge
- Underfloor heating to g/floor
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- Ideal first buy or investment

LITTLEPORT £119,950

NEW

- Well presented teraced home
- Ideal first purchase or investment
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- Enclosed rear garden
- Internal viewing essential

SUTTON £164,950

NEW

- Modern townhouse
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Family room
- Firstfloor lounge
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- 2 further bedroom 2nd floor
- Smartly presented

WITCHFORD £550,000

NEW

- Individual detached property
- Versatile split level accommodation
- Superb Games wing with Swimming pool, hot tub, sauna
- 3/4 double bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Spacious lounge and dining room
- Workshop and storage area

STRETHAM £275,000

- Established village property
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Long rear garden
- Off road parking

WILBURTON £220,000

- Victorian cottage
- Popular village overlooking local church
- Lounge with open fireplace
- 3 double bedrooms on 1st floor
- En-suite and dressing room/study on 2nd floor
- Allocated parking, garden

ELY £375,000

- Stylish brand new property
- High specification build
- Established setting
- 4 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen/dining room with vaulted ceiling
- Utility room
- Lounge

ELY £320,000

- Unique townhouse conversion
- Centrally located
- Firstfloor lounge with balcony
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Garage with studio above

SUTTON £179,950

- Detached bungalow
- Non estate and corner plot
- 3 bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Garage and ample parking
- No onward chain

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HADDENHAM

A truly unique detached family home offering extremely versatile accommodation over three levels set within a substantial plot in the heart of this sought after village.

8 bedrooms, en suite, 4 bathrooms, 2 shower rooms, 6 reception rooms, utility room, kitchen/breakfast room, double glazing, oil fuelled heating, gardens, driveway providing ample off road parking leading to garage and outbuildings.

£595,000

NEW

ELY

A magnificent family home situated close to the City Centre with spacious accommodation enjoying generous front and rear gardens.

5 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, study area, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, further kitchen area, utility room, double glazing, gas central heating, double garage, ample off road parking and gardens.

£500,000

WILBURTON

An outstanding extended detached family home stylishly improved throughout situated in a quiet cul de sac in this highly sought after Cambridge commuting village.

5 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, utility room, LPG fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking, garage and gardens.

£389,950

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WILBURTON

An immaculate and extremely well presented detached property situated within a prime location in this highly regarded north Cambridge village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, dressing area, bathroom, sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, conservatory, oil fired central heating, double glazing, garage, driveway and garden.

£369,950

NEW PRICE

ISLEHAM

A spacious and versatile period property full of character situated in a non estate location within the much sought after village of Isleham.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, sitting room, dining room, family room, kitchen, gas central heating, gardens and off road parking.

£276,950

NEW

WITCHFORD

A well presented detached family home much improved and stylishly shown occupying a prominent position on this highly sought after development.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge, study, L-shaped conservatory, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking and rear garden.

£247,500

NEW

MEPAL

A stylish and well presented four bedroom bungalow with a beautiful conservatory in a quiet sought after close in this popular village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, gas fuelled heating, double glazing off road parking and beautiful front, side and rear gardens.

£235,000

ELY

A character home offering good size accommodation with off road parking and a garage situated in a sought after central city location.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lean to conservatory, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking, single garage and garden. No upward chain.

£179,995

NEW

ELY

A charming two bedroom Victorian property set on 'Cambridge Road' close to the City Centre and rail station.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, gas central heating, original features, off road space for parking and a private landscaped courtyard garden.

£174,950

NEW

ELY

Situated in close proximity to the City Centre, this three bedroom end terrace offers good accommodation as well as off road parking, garage and a lawned rear garden.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, rear garden, off road parking and garage en bloc.

£169,950

NEW PRICE

STRETHAM

A deceptively spacious dormer bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location.

3 bedrooms, bedroom 3 accessible via stairs from lounge, bathroom, kitchen, lounge opening to dining area, oil central heating, double glazing, single garage and off road parking.

£159,995

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A much improved and very well presented three bedroom end terrace situated in a popular development in close proximity to local schools and village amenities.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, double glazing, gas fuelled heating and landscaped rear garden.

£135,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

This charming two bedroom Victorian terraced property is conveniently located close to the city centre and railway station and benefits from no upward chain.

2 bedrooms, modern bathroom, kitchen, lounge, gas fired central heating, double glazing, enclosed lawned rear garden. No upward chain.

£134,950

NEW PRICE

SOHAM

An appealing and well presented two bedroom Victorian cottage situated in a popular location in easy walking distance of the town centre.

2 bedrooms, downstairs bathroom, entrance porch, study area, lounge, dining room, kitchen, garden, gas central heating and period features.

£133,500

NEW

ELY

A three bedroom end of terrace property with ample off road parking, rear and side gardens located close to the City Centre.

3 bedrooms, downstairs bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, double glazing, gas central heating, side and rear gardens and ample off road parking.

£132,000

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A detached property situated in a popular cul de sac location with well presented accommodation throughout in the City of Ely.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge with gas flame fireplace, kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, single garage, driveway, walled rear garden and front garden.

£210,000

NEW

LITTLE DOWNHAM

An immaculate four bedroom detached family home situated in the popular village of Little Downham.

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HADDENHAM

A well presented detached three bedroom bungalow situated in close proximity to the centre of this South Ely village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, double glazing, electric heating, single garage, off road parking and garden.

£199,950

STRETHAM

This four bedroom detached Victorian cottage offers good size living accommodation in a central village location within this popular A10 village.

4 bedrooms, first floor WC, lounge, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, study/snug, double glazing, oil fired radiator heating, large timber shed, off road parking and large courtyard garden. No upward chain.

£199,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A well presented three bedroom semi detached house situated in the popular Highfield Estate close to all the village's amenities.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garden, single garage and off road parking.

£159,950

SUTTON

A well presented three bedroom semi detached family home that is well maintained and benefits from a substantial rear garden.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, integral garage, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking and a large rear lawned garden.

£147,500

NEW PRICE

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A charming two double bedroom character property situated within the City Centre offering ideal for first time or investment purchasers.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, gas fuelled heating and courtyard rear garden. No upward chain.

£139,950

NEW PRICE

SOHAM

A three bedroom end terrace property sat on a corner plot close to the centre of this popular market town of Soham.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, double glazing, gas central heating, garage en bloc, off road parking and front and rear gardens.

£137,000

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT

A deceptively spacious three bedroom town house, well maintained by the current owner situated within the heart of this thriving village.

3 good size bedrooms, downstairs bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, double glazing, gas fuelled heating and an enclosed private rear garden.

£129,950

NEW

WITCHAM

A modern two bedroom mid terrace property presented in good order and situated centrally in this sought after picturesque village.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, storm porch, entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage en bloc and parking.

£129,950

NEW PRICE

MEPAL

An ideal opportunity to acquire a two bed semi detached bungalow in need of partial modernisation situated within a central village location.

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£122,500

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An opportunity to acquire a two bedroom apartment close to the City Centre with views over open countryside, ideal as a first time or investment purchase.

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STRETHAM

An immaculately presented family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within the highly regarded village of Stretham.

The property comprises of master bedroom, en-suite shower room, 3 further bedrooms and family bathroom. Kitchen/breakfast room, dining room and workshop. The property also benefits from part air-conditioning and under floor heating. Enclosed rear garden. Off road parking and garage. Unfurnished.

£1,250 PCM

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A modern four bedroom semi detached townhouse in the village of Littleport.

The property comprises of kitchen with white goods, lounge/diner, ground floor WC, three double bedrooms, two with ensuite shower rooms and a further single bedroom and family bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden with small patio area and a double garage. Unfurnished.

£800 PCM

LET

LITTLEPORT

A well presented detached four bedroom family home situated in the popular town of Littleport.

This contemporary property comprises of master bedroom with built in wardrobe and en-suite. Three further bedrooms. Family bathroom. Lounge leading to dining room. Kitchen. Utility room. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£725 PCM

NEW

STRETHAM

A modern three bedroom property located in the village of Stretham, providing easy access to Cambridge & Ely.

The property offers large lounge, kitchen and WC to ground floor. Three good size bedrooms and family bathroom to second floor. Neutral decor. Electric central heating. Enclosed rear garden and barn style carport. Unfurnished.

£700 PCM

NEW PRICE

SOHAM

A modern three bedroom mid terrace house in the popular village of Soham with views to the rear overlooking the river.

This modern accomodation comprises of fully equipped kitchen/diner, lounge and WC. Two double bedrooms, one with ensuite and a further single bedroom and family bathroom. GCH. Garden with river path at bottom. Car barn. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

WINFARTHING COURT, ELY

A well presented first floor two bedroom flat on popular development close to the River and Town Centre.

This property comprises of lounge, separate modern fitted kitchen with oven/hob, washing machine, fridge and freezer, two bedrooms. Bathroom with shower attachment over the bath. Neutral decor. Small communal garden area. Allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£630 PCM

LET

WINFARTHING COURT, ELY

A modern and well presented two bedroom second floor flat in a popular city centre development.

The property benefits from an open plan living area, with fully equipped kitchen. One double and one single bedroom both with built in wardrobes. Bathroom with shower over bath. Neutrally decorated throughout. Electric radiator heating. Allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

NEW

WITCHFORD

A two bedroom mid terrace house located in the sought after village of Witchford

The property benefits from two double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. Family bathroom with shower. Lounge/diner with patio doors access to garden. Kitchen. Cloakroom. Rear enclosed garden. GCH. Single garage and parking. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

LET

LITTLEPORT

A well presented three bedroom semi detatched house, well situated for the local amenities of Littleport.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of 3 bedrooms all with a builtin cupboard, family bathroom, lounge, kitchen and a seperate study area. GCH. Rear gravel garden. Garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

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A well presented, two bedroom fully furnished first floor flat on a popular development to the North of the city centre.

The property comprises of lounge/diner with corner sofa and a fully equipped kitchen. Bedroom 1 with double bed and wardrobes. Bedroom 2 with single bed. Bathroom with shower over bath. Electric storage heating. Allocated parking space. Fully furnished.

£595 PCM

LET

SUTTON

A well presented and neutrally decorated two bedroom semi detached house on a modern development in the Village of Sutton

The property comprises of good size lounge, kitchen/diner and WC to ground floor. Two double bedrooms, one with built in wardrobes and bathroom with mains shower over bath to first floor. GCH. Small front and medium rear garden. Garage and parking. Unfurnished.

£595 PCM

LET

LITTLEPORT

A newly decorated two bedroom detached house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in Littleport.

The property comprises of two double bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes, bathroom with shower over bath, kitchen with cooker and fridge, lounge and conservatory with doors to the enclosed rear garden. GCH. Single garage. Unfurnished.

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UK's property market gap is widening

Gap: James Barnett of Savills Cambridge says there's still a shortage of available property in Cambridge

A GAP is widening between London and the regions as the dynamics of the UK economy and overseas equity affect the prime housing markets, according to latest research from property adviser, Savills.

The prime residential market has subdivided into three increasingly distinct categories that Yolande Barnes, head of the company's research team, is calling London's 'prime global' and 'prime domestic' markets, and the 'prime domestic' market outside of the capital. Prime regional properties are offering increasing value for money.

"The key to the current disparity between London and the regions is whether equity is flowing out of London or not," says Barnes. "Prospects for future recovery of the regional prime property markets will depend on either the strength of local economies and wealth generated from them or the extent to which incomers are bringing London equity with them – or a combination of both.

"The speed of price growth in prime central London has been surprising, bringing forward growth expected for 2012. As a result we have revised our forecast for 2011 up from -1 per cent to +8 per cent, while prime regional values are now expected to fall by -3 per cent across the year, compared to an original forecast of -1.5 per cent."

For prime regional property, the short-term risks are on the downside until the London ripple takes hold. Until then, the markets will rely primarily on a smaller number of local equity-rich buyers. The 2011 prime regional forecast has been downgraded to -3.0 per cent from -1.5 per cent.

This average masks strong regional differences in performance, with some prime regional centres having recovered to within a few percentage points of peak. As an average the market is currently -15.1 per cent below peak.

Mark Oliver, head of Savills residential business in the East, comments: "While we wait eagerly for the London ripple to arrive, the region has held up well.

"On average, values are just under –11 per cent from the peak. This doesn't apply to the micro-economy of Cambridge and some other niche markets, of course, where values are much higher."

James Barnett of Savills Cambridge adds: "Unlike other parts of the eastern region, Cambridge is still short of available property and there appears to be no lack of demand from buyers in a position to proceed.

"However, some caution is being shown and properties with any issues are taking longer to find buyers. Overall though, the position within five to seven miles of the city is still very positive."

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Tuned to perfection: The Abarth Punto Evo esseesse

Fiat: It's esseesse when you know

THE wait is over. Abarth's sparkling Punto Evo model has just been given a further boost with the option of the tuning brand's esseesse conversion.

The performance kit, which increases the 1.4-litre turbocharged engine's power to 180bhp and adds other technical and cosmetic equipment, can be specified when a customer orders their car, or can be undertaken later – as long as it's within 12 months or 12,500 miles and carried out by an Abarth appointed dealership.

The engine's Electronic Control Unit (ECU) is upgraded so that, along with its Garrett GT1446 fixed-geometry turbo, the 1.4-litre turbo unit produces 180bhp at 5750rpm. These modifications give the Abarth Punto Evo esseesse a 0-62mph acceleration time of 7.5 seconds and a top speed of 134 mph.

Stopping power is supplied by disc brakes all round (fully floating self-ventilated at the front, cross drilled at the rear), complete with Brembo M4x40 front callipers. Uprated Abarth springs and Koni FSD dampers are fitted front and rear, which results in a lower ride height. A six-speed manual gearbox provides the transmission, and the car features Abarth's switch to transfer from 'Normal' driving mode to 'Sport'.

Even though this upgrade relies heavily on modern technology, the esseesse kit stays loyal to Abarth by being delivered to customers in a high quality wooden crate. Once its contents have been emptied the crate then becomes the property of the customer as an interesting memento.

The extra performance is not to the detriment of the environment. The Abarth Punto Evo esseesse is Euro 5-compliant and comes as standard with the Start&Stop system, MultiAir technology and a Gear Shift Indicator (GSI).

It returns 47.1 mpg economy on the combined cycle and has a CO2 figure of 142 g/km.

"The Abarth Punto Evo already has a winning combination of great looks, technology and high performance," says Ivan Gibson, head of Abarth in the UK. "Now the esseesse conversion will take it to an extra level for customers wishing to realise their car's full potential."

The esseesse kit adds around £3,000 to the cost of a standard Abarth Punto Evo (£16,852 OTR); the figure varying slightly depending on different regions' labour costs.

Honda ups servicing package

JAPANESE car-maker Honda is introducing four years of free servicing and roadside assistance on a range of models.

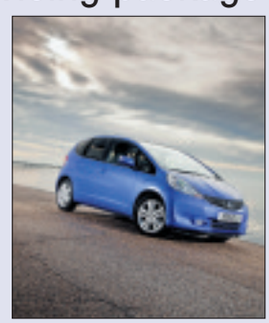
This offer is available on CR-Z, Insight and British-built Jazz (excluding Jazz Hybrid), Civic and CR-V orders until the end of September.

Complimenting the free servicing and roadside assistance is a range of four-year finance options designed to reduce monthly payments.

A four-year 0 scheme means a customer can drive away a new Jazz for £117 per month or a Civic for £162.

Martin Moll, head of marketing for Honda, says: "We have noticed a rising trend of people keeping their cars for longer and this new campaign reflects this change in ownership pattern.

"This is another example of how we're always listening to our customers and responding with products and offers that are relevant. To drive away a Jazz for only £117 a month without the worry of the cost of servicing and roadside assistance for four years really shows we have our customers' needs and concerns at the front of our minds."



The Honda Jazz: Four years' free servicing.

The Monster MKI: A horror vehicle that would break down every other month and cost £2,050 to fix every year.

The car that's a nightmare

IF Dr Frankenstein built a car, it would surely look something like this – meet the Monster Mk1.

The Warranty Direct-inspired horror vehicle would break down every other month and cost an average of £2,050 to fix each year.

By uniting the cars with the worst profiles across the categories that make up its Reliability Index (*www.reliabilityindex.com*), a unique tool that measures car reliability by considering average cost of repair, frequency of failure, age and mileage, Warranty Direct reckons its ghastly creation is the stuff of nightmares.

The disastrous car cocktail draws its power from an MG TF engine, sits on the suspension of a BMW M3, has the electric workings of the Renault Mégane, the gearbox of a Land Rover Freelander and the braking ability of the Audi A8.

Overall, the Monster Mk1 claims a Reliability Index figure of more than 500 – more than five times that of the average car.

The 'body parts' of the 'Nightmare MK1' are:

MAKE/MODEL	CAR PART
Audi A8	*Brakes*
BMW M3	*Suspension*
MG TF	*Engine*
Land Rover Freelander	*Gearbox*
Mercedes-Benz V-Class	*Ignition*
Renault Megane	*Electrics*
Seat Alhambra	*Aircon*
Seat Toledo	*Heating/Cooling systems*
Volvo C70	*Steering system*

Overall, the Reliability Index shows that four in 10 vehicles require a trip to the workshop each year and some models can cost up to £7,000 a time to fix.

Warranty Direct managing director, Duncan McClure Fisher, said: "The Monster Mk1 represents the worst-performing vehicles in every sector, from suspension to electrics, on our roads today.

"The wide range of cars included in our special blend highlights how mostly reliable cars can be dragged down by one problem part."

Nearly 40 per cent of BMW M3s require repairs to axle and suspension components alone each year, while the same proportion of Renault Méganes report an electrical fault.

One in five Land Rover Freelanders suffer transmission glitches each year and the same number of Audi A8s will need repairs to their brakes.

Close to a quarter of MG's TF sports cars will experience engine troubles, while if you like keeping cool, beware the SEAT Alhambra; more than one in eight will need their air-con fixed during a typical year.

The Monster Mk1 was created using Warranty Direct's database of 50,000 live policies on cars aged five years on average.

Warranty Direct cover starts from as little as £15 a month.

For more information on the reliability of your vehicle, visit *www.reliabilityindex.com*, or for a quote on cover you can visit *www.warrantydirect.co.uk*.

Best dealer stand: Drive Vauxhall scooped the award thanks to an impressive display of models.

Successful Two Counties Motor Show raises £10k

GORGEOUS weather provided the perfect backdrop for the region's largest motor show.

The Two Counties Motor Show organisers promised more classic cars, more new cars and more attractions than ever before and they didn't disappoint. The show was a huge success, attracting just under 3,000 people and raising more than £10,000 for local charities.

The show's own carbon neutral super being, the Eco Stig, was joined by his speed hungry cousin, the Stig, both of whom entertained visitors and posed for photos with the children.

Newcomer to the show Drive Vauxhall scooped the award for Best Dealer Stand with an impressive display of the latest Vauxhall models, a racetrack and football attraction for the children and a "ladies' lounge". The award was presented by the Stig.

"I am delighted that Drive Vauxhall have won the Best Dealer award", said Lion's club member Stephen Reeder, "they have really embraced the show and gone all out to ensure that people had a great time."

BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's Richard Spendlove was on hand to judge the vast array of classic cars on display. He awarded the Best Classic trophy to Keith Clarke from Essex with his 1963 Ford Cortina Mk 1 1500 Woodie estate. Second place was awarded to Alby Barham with his 1938 Buick McLaughlin Special and third place went to Peter Hale who brought along his Morris 10 convertible.

Trophy car: Keith Clarke won the Best Classic trophy.

The Best in Show award went to Chris Wilson from Little Ditton, near Newmarket, for his 1938 'barn find' original unrestored 1936 Austin 10.

For the first time in the show's 11-year history, ticket holders were also eligible to enter into a grand prize draw with thousands of pounds worth of prizes up for grabs.

The winning ticket holders have been picked and are being contacted over the next few days. Details of the winners will be published next week.

Next year's show will be on June 24.

Renault: That's what Frendzy's for

RENAULT has revealed details of its latest concept, the Frendzy.

It is the fourth step in the company's design strategy, based on the different stages of the human life cycle.

After the notion of 'love at first sight' expressed by the DeZir, discovering the world with the Captur and starting a family with the R-Space, the Frendzy presents the world of work.

The latest concept to be produced under the leadership of Laurens van den Acker has been designed as a multi-talented vehicle.

As a commercial business vehicle which can double up as a comfortable car, it meets the needs of business users on the one hand and families on the other.

The Renault Frendzy: Work as car.

On the passenger's side, there's no glazing or centre pillar, just one conventional door and one sliding side door which incorporates a 37-inch widescreen display. This is the world of work.

The driver's side, complete with side windows, still no centre pillar, but with centre opening doors, represents the world of the family. Ease of loading and ease of entry go without saying in both worlds.

On weekdays, it is a vehicle that adapts to the requirements of the business user, with a large external screen that can display useful messages or information (such as "making deliveries" or "back in five minutes") or advertising messages.

Come the weekend, the vehicle transforms itself into a family vehicle, with a comfortable passenger seat and, in the rear, a big bench seat.

Depending on their mood of the moment, children can watch a film or play games on the touch-sensitive pad which slides out from the back of the driver's seat. They can even draw on a special blackboard-style slate integrated into the sliding door.

The driver, likewise, can adapt the vehicle to his or her needs. In work mode, the rear-view mirrors sit upright and the interior lighting is green; in family mode, the mirrors swivel round to the horizontal position and the interior is bathed in a radiant orange ambience.

The driver's side cockpit is designed around the theme of a futuristic 'work bench' featuring a structure which appears to be made from molten metal. A BlackBerry PlayBoo tablet recently plugs into the dashboard to enable the concept of an office on wheels to become reality.

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Chic on the cheap with one of these superminis

The cars we're considering here are those that fall directly into the recognised supermini sector: in other words, Ford Fiestas, Vauxhall Corsas and the like.

We won't be looking at the smaller sub-supermini 'citycar' alternatives – cars like the Ford Ka or the VW Lupo – though you may want to. If you do, bear in mind that models like these – though they may be great in the urban jungle – are severely compromised in terms of passenger and luggage space, nor are they really designed for longer journeys. They don't come with five doors either.

Cheap & Cheerful

There's huge choice at whatever level you're buying into the supermini market of course – but nowhere more than here.

We've picked out the first MK1 version of Vauxhall's popular Corsa as a strong buy, purely because it's well-built and there are so many from which to choose.

A newer-feeling choice for similar money could be Ford's post-'95 Fiesta, a big improvement on the version it replaced and great to drive if you can stretch to one of the 16-valve engine versions.

Other good alternatives include a post-'94 VW Polo and Rover's post-'95 200.

Affordable Mid-Rangers

Older choices would include first examples of the post-'88 MK2 Renault Clio or original Peugeot 206s, or you could go for something less mainstream like a Rover 25, a Daewoo Lanos or a Honda Logo.

It's the new superminis that have really moved the sector forward however. Outstanding cars like the Skoda Fabia, the Toyota Yaris and even the post '00 Fiat Punto are highly recommended and you could also consider alternatives like the post-'88 VW Polo or Daihatsu's under-rated Sirion.

Desirable But Potentially Pricey

Resolutely modernist designs like Nissan's Micra are now the flavour du jour in this part of the market and the level of interior quality and features built in has taken a massive hike. Take a drive in a late Skoda Fabia, Volkswagen Polo or Seat Ibiza and you'll find fit and finish that five years ago was the preserve of the executive class.

The Ford Fiesta (post-'02) has proved very popular and a number of used examples are now starting to enter the system and if you want something lightly used but with an affordable price tag you should be able to track down low mileage examples of Honda's ingenious Jazz.

What To Look For

Though all but the later examples of these cars are fairly simply engineered, the types of lives they will have led require some caution on the part of the buyer.

Stop-start city motoring will have placed plenty of strain on the clutch, the brakes and the suspension and there will be plenty of carefully concealed parking scrapes on older cars.

Tough family use may well have led to scruffy interiors and loose fittings, so go through the cabin with a fine-tooth comb. Keep a lookout for things like shiny steering wheel rims and gear knobs, plus sagging seats: all indicate a high mileage which may not be honestly reflected in the odometer. Try and go for the plusher models, if for no other reason than they may well be fitted with useful features like power steering and central locking.

Electric windows however, can be a source of potential problems: if the motor works very slowly, then it's on its way out. Diesels are a good buy, but tend to be crude, noisy and very slow.

What To Pay

Cheap & Cheerful
Older: Peugeot 206 1.6 XS – £1,350-£2,100 (S to Y plate)

The Volkswagen Polo: Superminis have moved forward fast in the last few years, as this 2002-2005 model clearly shows.

Newer: Daihatsu Sirion 1.0 EL Auto – £1,725-£2,650 (X to 54 plate)

Affordable Mid-Rangers
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Older: Audi A2 1.6 FSI SE – £4,550-£5,500 (02 to 04 plate)
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» Athletics

National gold for Baynes

INDIA Baynes was leaping for joy after landing gold at the National Prep Schools' Championships in Birmingham.

The Year 8 King's Junior School pupil soared out to 9.86m to win the under-14 girls' triple jump at the Alexander Stadium and, in the process, broke the school record.

It followed her second place at the East Area Prep Schools' Champion-ships, when she recorded 9.25m.

"A truly impressive performance against top triple-jumpers from prep schools all around the country," was how King's School's head of athletics Richard Powell described the display.

"Had she managed to hit the take-off board exactly right, she would have set a championship record.

"It's not bad for someone who really started training seriously for triple jump nine weeks ago.

"India has worked very hard, listened carefully to advice and, in what is a very technical event, understood exactly what is required to be a good triple jumper.

"The competition at the nationals is always fierce, but India rose to the occasion and we are very proud.

"Hopefully, she will go on to more success in the future. Her performance in Birmingham really proved what a splendid competitor she is."

Winning ways: Year 8 King's Junior School triple jumper India Baynes, who won gold in Birmingham. CP

» Cricket

Test ace gives Ely players tour tips

A GROUP of King's School Ely cricketers from Years 8, 9 and 10 are are on the trip of a lifetime to Sri Lanka – and they have been able to draw on advice from Arjuna Ranatunga, who led an unbeaten Sri Lankan team to victory in the 1996 World Cup.

Ranatunga has run a coaching clinic for the Ely boys.

"We're well prepared, so we're hoping to do Ely proud," said head of King's cricket and tour leader, Kevin Shaw, who took the team to Lord's to watch the recent England-Sri Lanka Test match.

The boys are playing all four of their matches on Sri Lankan Test grounds.

The final match will be played on the Test ground at Galle, which was destroyed in the 2004 tsunami.

The Ely team will face a team of boys who were orphaned by the tsunami and who have been coached by Ranatunga.

Before the match, the King's party will present a cheque for £2,000 to the Shelton Trust, founded to rebuild schools devastated by the tsunami.

The trust was set up by the family of King's School Year 10 boarder, William Hodgson, who were holidaying on the island when the tsunami struck.

The day will end with a gala dinner attended by Ranatunga, now an MP, and current Sri Lankan players.

The group will return on July 25.

Cronin's century floors Ely

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first, Chatteris struggled, losing their top six with just over a hundred on the board. A good 75 not out from Steven Reid and a solid 20 not out from John Smalley saw them to a defendable total of 188 for 6. However, Longstanton chased it down for the loss of a single wicket.

■ Chatteris III remain close to the bottom of Division 4A after suffering a 69-run home defeat to Fordham III. Chatteris bowled first and took two early wickets, thanks to Jim Surtees, but a 150 partnership between C Foulds (88) and A Theobald (60) propelled the away side to 211 all out.

It could have been a lot worse, but for the bowling of captain Adam Whiting, who finished with 6 for 15 from just five overs.

In reply, only Oli Bailey, promoted to opener, put any dent in the required score, finishing with a career-best score of 66, as the home side were bowled out for 142.

» Running

Young Luke turns very Crisp effort

SEVERAL members of Ely Runners took part in the 74th Cambridge Park Run, held at Milton Country Park.

This 5k (3.1 mile) course is very popular for all ages and abilities of runners.

First home for Ely Runners was under-13 junior Luke Crisp in 22nd in an excellent time of 20min 2sec, a personal best and with a 74.21 per cent age grade.

He was followed by Jose Perez 27th in 20.26, Andrew O'Hanlon 31st in 20.42.

Under-11 junior Lewis Leonard ran a personal best to come in 37th in 21.05 with a superb age grade of 77.55 per cent.

Ely Runners' head coach Alan Rutterford also ran a personal best to finish 79th with a time of 23.09, knocking one minute and 20 seconds off his previous time.

Tanya Shenton was 87th with a personal best of 23.25, Melanie Fisher 92nd in a time of 23.35 in her first race, Sharon Leonard 98th with a personal best of 23.46 and David Mould 223rd with his son Luke in 32.53.

There were 253 finishers.

Rutterford said he was pleased that so many runners achieved personal bests and was delighted at the fine times the two juniors got, but was not surprised as they both work hard at training.

Anyone interested in endurance and cross-country, who is aged nine to 16, should contact Rutterford at alan@elyrunners.co.uk

» Cycling

McAndrew on top in a close contest

ON a far from ideal evening, with heavy showers prior to the start, 13 riders took part in Ely & District CC's weekly time-trial over the eight-mile, two-lap Witcham circuit.

Regular Ely rider John McAndrew completed the circuit in the quickest time, stopping the clock at 19min 31sec.

There were only three seconds separating the top three, with Phil Peacock recording 19.33 and Andy Stephen finishing with 19.34.

Former Ely rider Adrian Alan made an excellent return to racing after more than 10 years from the scene.

He completed the course in 19.52 to finish fourth.

Course personal bests were recorded by Steve Merry and Ben Harwin.

Full result: 1 John McAndrew 19.31, 2 Phil Peacock 19.33, 3 Andy Stephen 19.34, 4 Adrian Alan 19.52, 5 Steve Merry 19.53, 6= Geoff Brewster & Ben Harwin 19.55, 8 Cliff Loveday 20.18, 9 Jesse Jacobson 20.20, 10 Gordon Hollingsworth 20.28, 11 Martyn Scott 21.41, 12 Andy Darley 21.43, 13 Laura Aldred 24.06.

For more information on the club's weekly time-trials, visit www.elycyclingclub.com. All you need is a roadworthy cycle with a working rear light. Minimum age for events is 12.

» Angling round-up

Masterful Gifford is winner at Headfen

THE consistent Carl Gifford was the best of the bunch in the latest £2,400 Headfen Masters qualifier at Headfen Lakes Fishery.

The regular winner at the Little Downham venue triumphed with 145lb 10z of carp on Snake Lake and also took home the £200 golden peg kitty.

Details – 1 Carl Gifford (Suffolk's Finest) 145lb 10oz, 2 Mark Cross (Ely) 131-6, 3 Matt Ayres (Dents) 118-8, 4 Sammy McSpadden (Shipshape Tackle) 114-8.

■ Mike Atherton returned to winning ways when Littleport AC fished their second aggregate match on the Ouse at Littleport.

In calm conditions, Atherton enticed 7lb 1oz of roach from the depths using a waggler to finish well clear of runner-up L Thompson, who took 3-7.

Details – 1 Mike Atherton 7lb 1oz, 2 L Thompson 3-7, 3 Eddie Deane 3-2½, 4 J Hosking 3-1.

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Gold strike for King's School pupil Baynes

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» **Cricket** round-up

Witcham's lads smash them for six

WITCHAM under-nines produced a good all-round display when winning the Wimblington Six-a-side cricket tournament on Sunday. They defeated Wimblington and Chatteris on their way to a thrilling win over Ely in the final.
Witcham's team included (left to right) Jake Sulman, Jamie Baxter, Riley Phillips, Ben Harnwell and Ronnie Sulman, who are pictured with the trophy.
CP

» **Football:** News from the Unwin Ground and Julius Martin Lane

Pre-season tests await the Robins

ELY City kick-off their programme of pre-season friendlies on Saturday when King's Lynn Town will be the visitors to the Unwin Ground, (3pm).

The Linnets, who finished the last campaign second behind St Neots Town in the Hereward Teamwear United Counties League, Premier Division, have been busy strengthening their squad during the closed season.

One of their most notable signings has been former Soham Town Rangers player Callum Reed, who has joined the club from Wisbech Town, along with the Fenmen's former captain Paul Cousins.

Manager Alan Alsop's team are due to have another home friendly on Tuesday when Evo-Stik Southern League, Division One Central side Biggleswade Town will provide the opposition, kick-off 7.45pm.

In the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup, City have been given a home tie against Diss Town, who play in the First Division of the Ridgeons League.

The tie is due to be played on Saturday, August 22, with the prize for the winners being a home preliminary round tie against either Walsham-le-Willows or Thetford Town.

The draw has also been made for the first qualifying round of the FA Vase, with the Robins facing a trip to FC Clacton on Saturday, September 10.

The winners will face Cornard United at home in the next round.

Cronin's ton leaves Ely with mountain to climb

A CENTURY from the bat of Cottenham's Stuart Cronin ensured that City of Ely were brushed aside in their Cricket Stick CCA Senior League, Division Two match on Saturday.
Coming in at No 3, Cronin refused to budge and accumulated 139 not out, with the backing of Tom Colquhoun (45) helping the hosts post a sizeable 271 for 6.
Chris Reay's 2 for 37 from nine overs were the best-looking figures, while Benjamin Storey (pictured) claimed 2 for 65 and Chris Aniskowicz snapped up 2 for 45.
Ely captain Ed Aniskowicz constructed 34 off 60 balls and opener Thomas Beaumont got 27 off 59 deliveries, but they could not get near the run-rate and Ely were all out for 181. Samir Ali Khan trapped 4 for 47.

■ In Division Three, the usual suspects guided leaders Chatteris to a 10-wicket mauling of Cambridge NCI II in double-quick time. Connor Cunningham (79 not out) and his brother Kurt Cunningham (22 not out) required just 10.5 overs to blast the visitors to 103 without loss.
Their fireworks came after NCI had been dismissed for 100.
Kurt Cunningham, Dominic Platt and Haffiz Yathali all removed three batsmen, with debutant Yathali taking a wicket with his first ball for the club.
■ Jamie Lawrence mustered 54 as Witcham recorded a 23-run victory at Longstowe in Division 1A of the Cricket Stick CCA Junior League on Saturday. Support came from Nigel Pate (27), Iain Housden (26) and Michael Hook, who was unbeaten on 30, to lead the visitors to 192 for 5.
Housden then bagged 4 for 30 and Glen Griffiths nabbed 2 for 23 to ensure Longstowe had to settle for 169 for 8.
■ Chatteris II lost at home to bogey side Longstanton II and missed the chance to go second in Division 2A. Batting

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Greens face away FA Cup tie

SOHAM Town Rangers will begin their FA Cup campaign with an away match.

Andy Furnell's team will travel to the winners of either Hereward Teamwear United Counties League, Premier Division King's Lynn Town or Whitton United, from the Ridgeons League, First Division in the preliminary round of the competition on Saturday, September 3.

The winners of the tie will take on Stowmarket Town or Haverhill in the first qualifying round on Saturday, September 17.

The Greens have been given a home game in the FA Trophy, and will host Ryman League Division One South side Whitehawk at Julius Martin Lane on Saturday, October 8.

The winners will travel to Billericay Town on October 22.

The Greens continue their build-up to the new Ryman League, Division One North campaign with a friendly away to manager Furnell's former club Wisbech Town on Saturday, kick-off 3pm.

Then, on Tuesday, they are due to travel for a friendly against a King's Lynn side they could be facing in the FA Cup a few weeks later. Kick-off at the Walks Stadium is 7.45pm.

Soham Under-18s enter the FA Youth Cup in the first qualifying round stage, where they will have a home tie against Stowmarket Town. The match will be played during the week commencing Monday, September 19.

The prize for the winners is a home second qualifying round tie against either Woodbridge Town, Bury Town or Cornard United during the week commencing Monday, October 3.

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